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Summer Sales Tax Holiday Passes the Assembly *Assembly also approves broad investment plans for federal funds*

Madison... Today, Representatives Patrick Snyder's (R-Schofield) Summer Sales Tax Holiday proposal (AB 242) passed the State Assembly. Rep. Snyder said:

"My Summer Sales Tax Holiday would apply to some of the industries that were most devastated by the pandemic including taverns, restaurants, movie theaters, arcades, and amusement parks. As more Wisconsinites get vaccinated this tax holiday will spur business to these important industries during the upcoming summer months."

The legislation would create a one-time sales tax holiday from June 1st – August 31st, 2021 which would apply to an estimated 11,000 business that are either: drinking places, restaurants and other eating places, special food services, amusement parks and arcades, and movie theaters (including drive-ins).

The State Assembly also approved legislation that would use the new federal funds to provide:

- **Aid to Households:** \$1 billion to provide a 10 percent payment to all property taxpayers
- **Small Business Assistance:** \$200 million for small business grants
- **Tourism Assistance:** \$50 million for tourism grants and \$25 million for advertising grants for amusement parks
- **Rural Economic Development & Farmer Assistance:** \$50 million for rural economic development grants and \$50 million for farmer support funds
- **Long-term Care Assistance:** \$150 million for grants for nursing homes and assisted living facilities and worker bonuses
- **Strengthen Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund:** Requires the use of recovery funds to keep UI taxes at lowest tax schedule
- **Local Road Funding:** \$308 million to give \$2 million per county and \$2,000 per road mile to cities, villages and towns for road improvements
- **Broadband Expansion:** \$500 million in broadband expansion grants
- **EMS and Mental Health:** \$68.2 million for EMS technology upgrades and a psychiatric hospital in Eau Claire
- **Debt Repayment:** \$250 million to pay down state debt and \$250 million to pay off transportation revenue bonds
- **Clean Water Investments:** \$61 million for water infrastructure projects

Rep. Snyder continued:

"These bills will use the new one-time federal funds to provide the resources that people in Marathon County – and across Wisconsin – have been waiting for. Prioritizing the federal relief funds to invest in our local communities and provide relief to families and businesses will help Wisconsin recover strong from the COVID pandemic."

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