



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 608

January 7, 2014 – Introduced by Representatives THIESFELDT, JACQUE, SCHRAA and T. LARSON, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 146.77, 609.21 and 632.7465 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 network status or affiliation based on influenza vaccination status.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits certain actions based on the influenza vaccination status of a health care provider. The bill prohibits a health care provider or health care system from refusing to affiliate with another health care provider or from denying to a health care provider the ability to join a provider network or health care system based on the influenza vaccination status of an individual health care provider or based on the percentage of employees of a health care provider who are vaccinated against influenza. Under the bill, a defined network plan, preferred provider plan, or limited services health organization may not exclude a provider from being a participating provider with that plan or organization and an insurer, in offering a network plan, may not refuse to contract to be part of the provider network with a provider based on the influenza vaccination status of an individual provider or based on the percentage of employees of a provider who are vaccinated against influenza.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 146.77 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **146.77 Affiliation and influenza vaccination.** (1) In this section, “health
5 care provider” has the meaning given in s. 146.81 (1) (a) to (q).

