



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 313

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1 **AN ACT relating to:** establishing a tick-borne disease study committee.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a Tick-borne Disease Study Committee consisting of the secretary of health services, the secretary of natural resources, the commissioner of insurance, and 13 members appointed by the governor. Under the bill, the Tick-borne Disease Study Committee studies issues involving awareness, prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, reporting, and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases and submits a report containing policy recommendations to the legislature within three years after the bill takes effect.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

3 (1) TICK-BORNE DISEASE STUDY COMMITTEE.

4 (a) There is created a tick-borne disease study committee consisting of the
5 following members:

6 1. The secretary of health services or the secretary's designee.

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1 2. The secretary of natural resources or the secretary's designee.

2 3. The commissioner of insurance or the commissioner's designee.

3 4. Three health care providers, as defined in s. 146.81 (1), appointed by the
4 governor. At least one of the members appointed under this subdivision shall reside
5 north of USH 10.

6 5. Two educators knowledgeable about Lyme disease or another vector-borne
7 disease, appointed by the governor.

8 6. One representative of the private health insurance industry based in this
9 state, appointed by the governor.

10 7. One person employed in the administration of a hospital in this state,
11 appointed by the governor.

12 8. Two members appointed by the governor who are advocates for Lyme disease
13 policy or residents of this state affected by Lyme disease. At least one of the members
14 appointed under this subdivision shall reside north of USH 10.

15 9. One representative of a nonprofit organization with a purpose involving
16 outdoor recreation, appointed by the governor.

17 10. Two representatives of county health departments, appointed by the
18 governor. At least one of the members appointed under this subdivision shall
19 represent a county that is located at least in part north of USH 10.

20 11. One representative of an organization representing local health
21 departments and boards, appointed by the governor.

22 (b) No later than 3 years after the effective date of this paragraph, the
23 tick-borne disease study committee shall submit a report to the legislature in the
24 manner provided under s. 13.172 (2). In preparing the report, the committee shall
25 study issues involving awareness, prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, reporting,

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1 and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. The report shall
2 include all of the following recommendations approved by a majority of the
3 committee:

4 1. Recommendations for policies addressing awareness, prevention,
5 surveillance, diagnosis, reporting, and treatment of Lyme disease and other
6 tick-borne diseases.

7 2. Recommendations for the long-term use of antibiotics in the treatment of
8 tick-borne diseases and insurance coverage of long-term use of antibiotics.

9 3. Recommendations for policies about notifying people about the increased
10 potential of receiving a false negative test in the early stages of a tick-borne disease.

11 (c) The tick-borne disease study committee terminates upon submission of the
12 report under par. (b).

13 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

14 (1) This act takes effect on first day of the 7th month beginning after
15 publication.

16 (END)