

### Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>07-1673/3</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0483</b>
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 Abatement or removal of human health hazards, requirements for certain local health officers, personnel of a local health department, state agency status for certain physicians, community health improvement plans, emergency medical services, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing penalties

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
  - Increase Existing Revenues
  - Decrease Existing Revenues
  - Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
    - Yes
    - No
  - Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
  - 1.  Increase Costs      3.  Increase Revenue
  - Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory
  - 2.  Decrease Costs      4.  Decrease Revenue
  - Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
  - Towns       Village       Cities
  - Counties       Others
  - School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR   
  FED   
  PRO   
  PRS   
  SEG   
  SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Department of Justice's Civil Litigation Unit is responsible for state tort defense, both trial and appellate. Among other things, this unit provides legal representation for the medical faculty of the University of Wisconsin (UW) and the Department of Corrections (DOC) in medical negligence cases.

Under current law, certain private health care providers, who provide care or services on a voluntary, unpaid basis, are granted status as a state agent of the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS). As it does for UW and DOC employees, the Department of Justice may appear for and defend state agents of DHFS in civil actions or other matters before courts resulting from an act committed in the lawful course of the agent's duties.

Assembly Bill 483 expands current law that grants state agent status for specified types of volunteer health care providers to also grant state agent status to physicians, who are not employees of local health departments but provide services, without compensation, for programs and services provided by local health departments. As a result, the number of cases in which DOJ receives a request to provide legal services may increase. While DOJ anticipates that any increase attributable to AB 483 will be small, there is no way to be certain of the size of any increase. If the increase in the number of cases is significant, DOJ will require additional resources to handle the increased legal caseload.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications