



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 185

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

Memo published: April 27, 2007

Contact: Richard Sweet, Senior Staff Attorney (266-2982)

Assembly Bill 185 makes a number of changes in the statutes related to the birth defect prevention and surveillance system in the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS). Assembly Bill 185 includes information about stillborn humans in the system in addition to information about infants and children. *Assembly Substitute Amendment 1* changes the term “stillborn human” to “stillbirth.”

Assembly Bill 185 allows DHFS to contract with an entity to develop primary prevention strategies to decrease the occurrence of birth defects without increasing abortions. *Assembly Substitute Amendment 1* adds that any material released by DHFS to the entity under contract may be used only for the development of those strategies and may not be used by an insurer to limit or deny health care coverage to an individual. In addition, the substitute amendment specifies that the entity under contract may not reveal information that may identify the subject of a report made to the system.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Public Health recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

RNS:jb:wu;wu