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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2007 Senate Bill 232</b>	<b>Senate Amendments 1 and 2 and Senate Substitute Amendment 1</b>
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**2007 Senate Bill 232** provides that every pharmacist must promptly dispense a valid prescription for any contraceptive approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), unless the prescription is contraindicated for a particular patient. In addition, the bill modifies the definitions of “abortion” and “induced abortion” to exclude the administration, delivery, dispensing, prescribing, or use of any FDA-approved contraceptive.

**Senate Amendment 1** removes the modifications to the definitions of “abortion” and “induced abortion” in the bill.

**Senate Amendment 2** provides that a pharmacist may decline to dispense a contraceptive for a patient if: (1) the pharmacist ensures that the patient will have access to the contraceptive elsewhere; and (2) the pharmacist either objects to dispensing the contraceptive on religious or moral grounds or is employed at a pharmacy that is controlled or operated by an organization that objects to contraception on religious or moral grounds.

**Senate Substitute Amendment 1** provides that every pharmacist must promptly dispense a valid prescription for any FDA-approved contraceptive, unless the prescription is contraindicated for a particular patient. The substitute amendment does not include the modifications to the definitions of “abortion” and “induced abortion.”

### **Legislative History**

On March 11, 2008, the Senate Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation recommended introduction and adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 on votes of Ayes, 4; Noes, 3. The committee then recommended passage of 2007 Senate Bill 232, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 3.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Robson. On March 13, 2008, the Senate adopted the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 21; Noes, 12. The Senate then passed 2007 Senate Bill 232, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 19; Noes, 14.

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