



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 260
[2009 Senate Bill 478]

**Committing a State Prison Inmate
to a Mental Health Facility**

2009 Wisconsin Act 260 amends the procedure by which a state prison inmate may be committed to a mental health facility.

Under current law, a person may be civilly committed to a mental health facility for an initial period of treatment not to exceed six months. Any consecutive commitment order may not exceed 12 months. Prior to Act 260, the law also provided that a prison inmate could be civilly committed to a mental health facility for a period of not more than 180 days in a 365-day period.

Act 260 provides that a prison inmate may initially be committed for treatment for a period not to exceed six months and any subsequent consecutive order may be for a period not to exceed one year.

Effective date: The Act takes effect on May 22, 2010.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.