

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform

Assembly Bill 512

Relating to: health insurance coverage of nervous and mental disorders, alcoholism, and other drug abuse problems.

By Representatives Pasch, Richards, Benedict, Soletski, Smith, Black, Parisi, Milroy, Kaufert, Fields, Pope-Roberts, Zepnick, Hixson, Roys, Pocan, A. Ott, Berceau, Sinicki, Molepske Jr., Grigsby, Young, Turner, Hebl, Sherman, Jorgensen, Toles, Hilgenberg, Hintz and Bernard Schaber; cosponsored by Senators Hansen, Wirch, Taylor, Robson, Lehman, Vinehout, Carpenter, Lassa, Miller, Risser, Erpenbach and Coggs.

October 21, 2009 Referred to Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform.

October 28, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (12) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch, Bernard Schaber, Vukmir, Rhoades, Strachota and Nygren.

Absent: (1) Representative Stone.

Appearances For

- Sandy Pasch — Representative, 22nd Assembly District
- Dave Hansen — Senator, 30th Senate District
- John Chisholm, Milwaukee — District Attorney, Milwaukee County
- Joy Mead-Meucci — Aurora Health Care
- H. Bruce Kruger, Thiensville — Medical Society of Milwaukee County
- Ken Casimir — President, Wisconsin Psychiatric Association
- Jerry Halverson — Wisconsin Psychiatric Association
- Brenda Ward, Madison — National Association of Social Workers
- Marc Herstand, Madison — National Association of Social Workers
- Christopher Sigl, Hartford — NAMI of Washington County
- Sarah Bowen, Madison — Wisconsin Psychological Association
- Shel Gross, Madison — Mental Health America of Wisconsin
- David Katzelnick, Madison
- Leslie Osman, Verona

- Joanne Grassman, Madison

Appearances Against

- Bill Smith, Madison — National Federation of Independent Businesses
- R.J. Pirlot, Madison — Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce

Appearances for Information Only

- Rachel Currans-Sheehan, Madison — Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- Sean Dilweg, Madison — Commissioner of Insurance, OCI

Registrations For

- Jennifer Lowenberg, Madison — NAMI Wisconsin
- Alice O'Connor — Wisconsin Psychiatric Association
- Rebecca Chain, Appleton
- Gerald Kaye, Winneconne
- Michelle Lafond, Green Bay
- Julie Theyerl, Oshkosh
- Neal Blackburn, Lancaster — Wisconsin County Human Services Association
- Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Madison — Wisconsin Counties Association
- Kathryn Kuhn, Milwaukee — Medical College of Wisconsin
- Mickey Beil, Madison — Dane County
- Joanne Ricca, Milwaukee — Wisconsin State AFL-CIO
- Chris Rasch, Milwaukee — Wisconsin Medical Society
- Sabrina Gentile, Madison — Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
- J.F. Fleming, West Bend
- Dianne Greenley, Madison — Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Aaron Winden, Waukesha — NAMI Waukesha, Inc.
- Eric Osterman — Wisconsin Public Health Association and the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards
- Lisa Maroney, Madison — UW Health
- Tom Frazier, Madison — Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups
- Kathy Markeland, Madison — Wisconsin Association of Family and Children's Agencies
- Kimberly Wadas, Madison — Wisconsin Catholic Conference
- Tom Petri — Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association
- Liz Buchen, Madison — Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin

- Joanne Brandt, Milwaukee
- Ted Zigmunt, Francis Creek — Representative, 2nd Assembly District

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

December 17, 2009 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (13) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch, Bernard Schaber, Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota and Nygren.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Bernard Schaber, seconded by Representative Seidel that **Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (8) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch and Bernard Schaber.

Noes: (5) Representatives Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota and Nygren.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 5

Moved by Representative Roys, seconded by Representative Pasch that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (8) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch and Bernard Schaber.

Noes: (5) Representatives Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota and Nygren.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 5

Moved by Representative Bernard Schaber, seconded by Representative Roys that **Assembly Bill 512** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (8) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch and Bernard Schaber.

Noes: (5) Representatives Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota and Nygren.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 5

Jeff Kostelic
Committee Clerk