



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Assembly Bill 326**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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Assembly Amendment 1 (“the amendment”) to 2017 Assembly Bill 326 (“the bill”) makes changes to the minimum age for employment as a lifeguard.

### **HAZARDOUS EMPLOYMENT FOR MINORS**

Under current law, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) sets minimum ages for hazardous employment for minors. Under that authority, DWD rules prohibit minors 14 and 15 years of age from being employed as lifeguards.

### **The Bill**

The bill requires DWD to permit minors at least 15 years of age to be employed as lifeguards. The bill retains the requirement that a minor must successfully complete a life saving course in order to be employed as a lifeguard.

### **The Amendment**

The amendment adds a requirement that an adult employee be present on the premises whenever a 15 year old is employed as a lifeguard.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Kooyenga on August 16, 2017. On September 12, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 3.

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