



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 630

**Assembly Amendment 2 to
Assembly Amendment 1,
Assembly Amendment 1, and
Assembly Amendment 2**

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 630

2017 Assembly Bill 630 creates a dementia specialist certification for a person whom successfully completes an instructional program, as specified in the bill. The bill prohibits any person from using the title “dementia specialist” or “certified dementia specialist” without the certification.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that an individual who has relevant education, training, instruction, or other experience, but who has not completed an instructional program as described under the bill, may be certified as a dementia specialist by successfully completing a competency evaluation in dementia care, as developed by the instructional program administrator.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2 TO ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Amendment 1 modifies the procedure under Assembly Amendment 1 allowing individuals to be certified based on a competency evaluation, in certain cases. Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Amendment 1 removes the reference to a competency evaluation, and it provides instead that an individual who has relevant education, training, instruction, or other experience, but who has not completed an instructional program as described under the bill, may be certified as a dementia specialist if the direct caregiver or his or her employer attests to the individual’s competency in dementia care.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 provides that the Department of Health Services may not require an instructional program to exceed the minimum total training hours or the minimum hours of supervised practical training for a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program under specified provisions of federal law.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Skowronski offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 3, 2018. On January 9, 2018, the Assembly Committee on Mental Health recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 2; and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 4. On February 20, 2018, Representatives Rohrkaste, Skowronski, and Considine offered Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Amendment 1, and Representative Petryk offered Assembly Amendment 2. On the same date, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Amendment 1, Assembly Amendment 1, and Assembly Amendment 2, and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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