



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Senate Bill 394**

**Senate  
Amendments 1 and 2**

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### **2017 SENATE BILL 394**

2017 Senate Bill 394 eliminates the Building Inspector Review Board and the Contractor Certification Council, and transfers their duties to the Uniform Dwelling Code Council.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 adds a new provision to the bill relating to religious exemptions from dwelling code standards. Under **current law**, a person may apply for a waiver from certain building code requirements applicable to one-and two-family dwellings, including certain plumbing and electrical wiring standards, based on the person's religious beliefs. [s. 101.648, Stats.] **The amendment** narrows the scope of such waivers to standards that apply **inside** one-and two-family dwellings.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 2**

Senate Amendment 2 specifies that the Uniform Dwelling Code Council, when reviewing a complaint concerning possible incompetent negligent, or unethical conduct by building inspectors, the Council may recommend **suspension** of an inspector's certification, in addition to revocation of the certification.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Senator Lasee offered Senate Amendments 1 and 2 on December 11, 2017. On December 13, 2017, the Senate Committee on Insurance, Housing, and Trade voted to recommend adoption of the amendments, and the bill, as amended, all on unanimous votes.

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