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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 357**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

### **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 357**

2019 Assembly Bill 357, as amended and passed by the Assembly, requires a person who is acting as a public adjuster to register with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI). A public adjuster is an individual who assists a policyholder with filing and negotiating a property insurance claim, for compensation.

Under the bill, as amended and passed by the Assembly, the registration process requires a fee, examination, and biennial renewal. The bill also provides certain practice standards that govern contract formation, compensation arrangements, and other aspects of a public adjuster's professional conduct.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 retains the mandatory registration requirement for nonresident public adjusters but makes registration optional for public adjusters who are Wisconsin residents. Under the amendment, the examination, continuing education, and fee requirements apply only to registered public adjusters. However, under the amendment, the bill's other requirements and prohibitions, including those relating to contract formation, compensation arrangements, and other aspects of a public adjuster's professional conduct, continue to apply to all public adjusters, not only registered public adjusters.

### **BILL HISTORY**

On November 12, 2019, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1, and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

Senator Feyen offered Senate Amendment 1 on January 14, 2020. On January 21, 2020, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1, and concurred in the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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