

1979 Assembly Bill 209

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CHAPTER 320, Laws of 1979

AN ACT to renumber and amend 15.197 (12); and to create 15.197 (12) (a) to (c) and 140.56 (3) to (7) of the statutes, relating to membership and responsibilities of the radiation protection council and increasing an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 15.197 (12) of the statutes is renumbered 15.197 (12) (intro.) and amended to read:

15.197 (12) RADIATION PROTECTION COUNCIL. (intro.) There is created in the department of health and social services a radiation protection council consisting of 9 ~~11~~ members ~~appointed for staggered 3-year terms. Five members shall be appointed by the department of health and social services. Four members shall be appointed by the industry, labor and human relations commission.~~ as follows:

SECTION 2. 15.197 (12) (a) to (c) of the statutes are created to read:

15.197 (12) (a) Five public members with an interest in and a knowledge of radiation protection matters shall be appointed by the governor for staggered 3-year terms. All public members shall represent a balance of medical, economic, scientific and environmental viewpoints and shall have working expertise in areas related to radiation protection.

(b) One senator and 2 public members shall be appointed as are members of standing committees in the senate for staggered 3-year terms.

(c) One representative and 2 public members shall be appointed as are members of standing committees in the assembly for staggered 3-year terms.

SECTION 3. 140.56 (3) to (7) of the statutes are created to read:

140.56 (3) The council shall monitor the development and implementation of private and local, state and federal government radiation-related policies and programs which may affect the health or well-being of the citizens of the state. These policies and programs include those involving ionizing radiation from X-rays or radioactive materials; nonionizing radiation such as lasers and microwaves, radioactive waste handling and disposal, the transportation of radioactive materials, radioactive air and water pollutants, radiation emergency response planning, the contamination of drinking water supplies by radioactive materials and the environmental monitoring of radioactive materials. As a result of monitoring these policies and programs, the council may:

(a) Comment on reports, programs and regulations.

(b) Recommend new departmental programs, including educational programs or changes in existing programs to the secretary.

(c) Recommend new programs or changes in existing programs in other state agencies. These recommendations shall be transmitted to the secretary who shall forward them to the appropriate agencies.

(d) Recommend that the department of justice intervene in a federal proceeding under s. 165.25 (1). This recommendation shall be transmitted to the secretary who shall forward it to the attorney general.

(e) Recommend to the legislature, examining boards or other appropriate bodies methods for minimizing diagnostic radiologic exposure, including methods to minimize unnecessary screening procedures, duplicative procedures, improper radiographic field size and retakes.

(f) Recommend to the secretary methods to improve inspection and examination of X-ray apparatus.

(4) The council shall upon request provide other state agencies or local governments with technical assistance on radiation-related policies and programs.

(5) The council may request other state agencies to send designees to attend meetings or to give advice on matters related to radiation protection concerns which are the responsibility or under the jurisdiction of those agencies.

(6) The council may recommend cooperation and coordination of programs related to radiation protection concerns. These recommendations shall be transmitted to the secretary who shall forward them to the appropriate agencies.

(7) All written recommendations, comments or proposed rules prepared by the council under this section shall be accompanied by any written comments prepared by any council member.

SECTION 4. Initial terms of the radiation protection council. The terms of members of the radiation protection council prior to the effective date of this act expire on the effective date of this act. Of the 5 initial public members appointed by the governor to the radiation protection council under this act, 2 shall serve 3-year terms, 2 shall serve 2-year terms and one shall serve a 1-year term. The governor shall specify which members are to serve what terms. The initial senator appointed to the radiation protection council under this act shall serve a term of 3 years plus a period ending on July 1 following the expiration of that term. Of the 2 initial public members appointed as are members of the standing committees of the senate to the radiation protection council under this act, one shall serve a 2-year term and one shall serve a one-year term plus a period ending on July 1 following the expiration of those terms. The appointing authority shall specify which members are to serve what terms. The initial representative appointed to the radiation protection council under this act shall serve a term of 3 years plus a period ending on July 1 following the expiration of that term. Of the 2 initial public members appointed as are members of the standing committees of the assembly to the radiation protection council under this act, one shall serve a 2-year term and one shall serve a one-year term plus a period ending on July 1 following the expiration of those terms. The appointing authority shall specify which members are to serve what terms. After the initial appointment, appointments shall be made in accordance with 15.197 (12) of the statutes as affected by this act.

SECTION 5. Appropriation increase. The appropriation under section 20.435 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 1979, is increased by \$13,200 in fiscal year 1979-80 and by \$31,700 in fiscal year 1980-81 to provide staff, travel and meeting expenses for the radiation protection council.

SECTION 6. Position authorization. There is authorized 1.0 radiation consultant position and 0.5 typist position for the department of health and social services for the radiation protection council to be funded from the appropriation under section 20.435 (1) (a) of the statutes.
