

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 569

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 569 prohibits a municipality or county from enacting an ordinance, adopting a resolution, or establishing a policy that prohibits an employee of the municipality or county from: (1) inquiring whether an individual seeking or receiving public services from the municipality or county is lawfully present in this country; and (2) notifying the federal government of the presence of illegal aliens in the municipality or county. The bill expressly provides that if a municipality or county has an ordinance or resolution in effect on the bill's effective date that is inconsistent with the bill's prohibition, the ordinance or resolution does not apply and may not be enforced. Assembly Amendment 1 adds express reference to existing "policies" in effect on the proposal's effective date to clarify, consistent with the general prohibition of the bill, that existing municipal and county policies that are inconsistent with the bill do not apply and may not be enforced.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Suder. The Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics recommended adoption of the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 2. The committee recommended passage of Assembly Bill 569, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 3.

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