



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 438

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) and various examining boards and credentialing boards under DPS administer Wisconsin's professional credentialing laws and also issue licenses to plumbers, electricians, and other persons engaged in the construction industry. Different licenses, certifications, registrations, and other credentials (credentials) have different training requirements that must be met before a person may receive an initial credential.

Assembly Bill 438, as introduced, provides that a credential applicant's education, training, or other experience (training) obtained in connection with the person's service in the U.S. armed forces, the state defense force, the national guard of any state, or any other reserve component of the U.S. armed forces (military service) satisfies the training requirements for that credential, unless DPS or the board that issues the credentials determines that the applicant's military training is not substantially equivalent to the training required for the credentials.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 expands the coverage of the bill beyond DPS to provide that an applicant's military education, training, instruction, or training also counts towards satisfying training or other requirements for the specified professional or occupational credentials administered by the agencies listed below. Further, the substitute amendment shifts the burden to the applicant to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the agency that his or her military training is substantially equivalent to the required training.

Department of Children and Families

- Training in specified subjects for licensees, employees, and volunteers of certain facilities that provide care for children.

Department of Health Services

- Criteria for certification of medical assistance providers.
- Qualifications for public health nurses and public health officers.
- Instruction and competency evaluation for nurse aides.
- Training and testing for feeding assistants.
- Qualifications for training permits for and licensure of emergency medical technicians.
- Instruction requirements for first responders.
- Instruction requirements for poison control center staff.
- Instruction requirements for tattooists and body piercers.
- Certification requirements for lead hazard reduction and lead management activities, and approval of lead instructors.
- Certification requirements for asbestos abatement activities.
- Certification requirements for food sanitation managers.
- Certificate of food protection practices for restaurant operators and managers.

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

- License, certification, or permit for occupations including insurance agent and life settlement broker.

Department of Public Instruction, Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning

- Certificates for public librarians.

Department of Transportation

- Approvals, certifications, and permits to persons performing chemical breath analysis.

Legislative History

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Wynn. On January 19, 2012, the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of Assembly Bill 438, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

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