



2021 SENATE BILL 127

February 18, 2021 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE, L. TAYLOR, BALLWEG, CARPENTER, LARSON, NASS and ROYS, cosponsored by Representatives CABRAL-GUEVARA, BRANDTJEN, ALLEN, BOWEN, CABRERA, KERKMAN, MOSES, MURPHY, J. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SKOWRONSKI, SNYDER, SORTWELL, SUBECK, TITTL, VORPAGEL, WICHGERS and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT to create** 50.373 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring informed consent
2 before performing a pelvic exam on a patient who is under general anesthesia
3 or unconscious.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires hospitals to have and enforce a policy requiring written and verbal informed consent to be obtained from a patient before a medical student, a nursing student, any person providing nursing care, or any other person authorized to perform pelvic examinations may perform a pelvic examination on a patient who is under general anesthesia or otherwise unconscious. Under the bill, every hospital must also inform medical students, nursing students, persons providing nursing care, other persons authorized to perform pelvic examinations, and physicians supervising any of these individuals of the informed consent policy and must take appropriate action to discipline any individual who violates the policy or instructs a medical student, a nursing student, or a person providing nursing care to conduct an examination in violation of the policy.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 50.373 of the statutes is created to read:

