



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 984

March 11, 2004 - Introduced by Representatives KRAWCZYK, MCCORMICK, NISCHKE, JESKEWITZ, LADWIG, MONTGOMERY, VAN ROY, ALBERS, HAHN and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senator ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 895.488 of the statutes; **relating to:** immunity of volunteer
2 interpreters for patients of health care providers and immunity of health care
3 providers who rely on volunteer interpreters.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill grants civil liability immunity to a volunteer interpreter who interprets communication between a patient and his or her health care provider and to a health care provider who relies on information that the volunteer interpreter provides if the patient consents in writing to the use of the volunteer interpreter.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 895.488 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **895.488 Immunity; volunteer interpreters and health care providers.**
6 **(1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:
7 (a) "Health care provider" has the meaning given in s. 146.81 (1).
8 (b) "Limited English proficiency" means any of the following:

