

1987 Senate Bill 246

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## 1987 Wisconsin Act 118

AN ACT to affect 1985 Wisconsin Act 340, section 73 (2) (d) 1, 3 and 3g, relating to admission of information from patients compensation panel proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. 1985 Wisconsin Act 340, section 73 (2) (d) 1, 3 and 3g are amended to read:

(1985 Wisconsin Act 340) Section 73 (2) (d) 1. All discovery taken in patients compensation panel proceedings ~~is admissible~~ shall be admitted in the circuit court proceedings ~~as if taken in the circuit court proceedings, unless the court, upon a party's objection, determines that the discovery is otherwise inadmissible in circuit court under the rules of evidence.~~

3. Patients compensation panel findings and orders, except for damages awarded, ~~are admissible~~ shall be admitted in circuit court only as follows:

a. ~~Formal~~ Whether the formal panel findings as to whether found that the actions or omissions of the

health care provider were negligent ~~are admissible, and the formal panel's vote on this issue, shall be admitted.~~

b. If the formal panel found that such actions or omissions were negligent, whether the formal panel findings as to whether found that the negligence caused injury or death to the patient ~~are admissible, and the formal panel's vote on this issue, shall be admitted.~~

3g. No statement or expression of opinion made in the course of a panel hearing or included as part of a panel finding ~~is admissible, either as an admission or otherwise,~~ may be read or admitted for any purpose in circuit court.