



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 486

July 12, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives MEYER, BALDUS, BLACK, RYBA, PLACHE and WILDER, cosponsored by Senators RUDE, MOEN and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 250.02 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** qualifications of the
2 state health officer.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the secretary of health and social services is required to appoint a state health officer and may assign that state health officer duties of the secretary or the department of health and social services. The state health officer is authorized to appoint advisory and examining bodies and to appoint state epidemiologists for program areas of acute and communicable diseases, occupational and environmental diseases, maternal and child health and chronic diseases. Also under current law, county boards in counties with a population of less than 500,000 are required to establish county health departments at one of 3 levels of service, with local health officers whose qualifications are specified commensurate with the level of service established for the county health department. (In Milwaukee County, the governing body of each city or village is required to establish city or village health departments at one of the 3 levels of service, with the same commensurate requirements for local health officers.) A local health officer of a Level III local health department is required to have at least one of the following:

1. A master's degree in public health, public administration, health administration or a similar field and 3 years of experience in a full-time administrative position in a public health agency or in public health work.

2. A bachelor's degree and 16 graduate semester credits towards a master's degree in public health, public administration, health administration or a similar field and 5 years of experience.

3. A license to practice medicine and surgery, together with at least 3 years of experience in a full-time administrative position in a public health agency or in public health work, or eligibility for certification by the American Board of Preventive Medicine in public health or general preventive medicine, or a master's degree in public health, public administration, health administration or a similar field.

