



TOMMY G. THOMPSON

**Governor
State of Wisconsin**

May 17, 2000

To the **Honorable** Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 587 in its entirety. This bill expands the kinship care and long-term kinship care programs by adding second cousin to the definition of a kinship care relative.

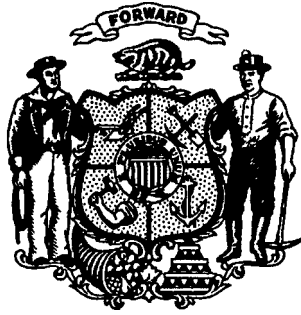
I am vetoing **Assembly** Bill 587 because no funding was provided to finance this expansion of the kinship care program. The Legislature should not expand a program **without** appropriating sufficient funding. If the demand for program funding exceeds a county or tribe's kinship care allocation, the county or tribe **would** be forced to use its own funds or put relatives on waiting lists. Additionally, expansion of kinship care eligibility to second cousins may set a **precedent** for further expansion of the **program** beyond the original intent of compensating relatives formerly under the AFDC Nonlegally **Responsible** Relative program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy G. Thompson".

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

State of Wisconsin



1999 Assembly Bill 587

Date of enactment:
Date of publication*:

1999 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT to amend 48.57 (3m) (a) and 48.57 (3n) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility of second cousins for payments under the kinship care and long-term kinship care programs.

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

PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the American Indian study committee (AISC).

Under current law, if certain conditions are met, a county department of social services, a county department of human services or, in Milwaukee county, the department of health and family services, must make payments to certain relatives, other than a child's parents, who provide care and maintenance for the child (kinship care program and long-term kinship care program). For a description of the kinship care program and the long-term kinship care program, see memo no. **98-14 to the AISC, Definition of "Relative" Under the Kinship Care Program and Long-Term Kinship Care Program; and Funding for Assessments Under the Kinship Care Program** (September 17, 1999).

Currently, for purposes of eligibility for payments under the kinship care and long-term kinship care programs, "kinship care relative" and "long-term kinship care relative" are defined to mean stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, step-sister, first cousin, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle or any person of a preceding generation as denoted by the prefix of grand, great or great-great, whether by consanguinity, direct affinity or legal adoption, or the spouse of any of these persons, even if the marriage is terminated by death or divorce.

This bill adds second cousins to the list of persons who are defined as a kinship care relative or a long-term kinship

care relative and, thus, permits a second cousin of a child to receive payments for providing care and maintenance for the child under the kinship care and long-term kinship care programs.

SECTION 1. 48.57 (3m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.57 (3m) (a) In this subsection, "kinship care relative" means a stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, first cousin, 2nd cousin, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle or any person of a preceding generation as denoted by the prefix of grand, great or great-great, whether by consanguinity, direct affinity or legal adoption, or the spouse of any person named in this paragraph, even if the marriage is terminated by death or divorce.

SECTION 2. 48.57 (3n) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.57 (3n) (a) In this subsection, "long-term kinship care relative" means a stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, first cousin, 2nd cousin, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle or any person of a preceding generation as denoted by the prefix of grand, great or great-great, whether by consanguinity, direct affinity or legal adoption, or the spouse of any person named in this paragraph, even if the marriage is terminated by death or divorce.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1997-98: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

BILL HISTORY FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 587 (LRB-3795)

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- 11-10. A. Introduced by **Joint Legislative Council**.
- 11-10. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Children and Families 541
- 11-30. A. Public hearing held.
- 12-07. A. Fiscal estimate received.

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- 01-20. A. Executive action taken.
- 02-08. A. Report passage recommended by committee on Children and Families, Ayes 9, Noes 0 644
- 02-08. A. Referred to committee on Rules 644
- 03-09. A. Placed on calendar 3-14-2000 by committee on Rules.
- 03-14. A. Read a second time 748
- 03-14. A. Ordered to a third reading 748
- 03-14. A. Rules suspended 748
- 03-14. A. Read a third time and **passed**, Ayes 98, Noes 0 748
- 03-14. A. Ordered immediately messaged 748
- 03-14. s. Received from Assembly 494
- 03-14. s. Read first time and referred to committee on Human Services and Aging 495
- 03-20. S. Executive action taken.
- 03-24. S. Report concurrence recommended by committee on Human Services and Aging, Ayes 5, Noes 0 525
- 03-24. S. Available for scheduling.
- 03-29. S. Read a second time.
- 03-29. S. Ordered to a third reading.
- 03-29. S. Rules suspended.
- 03-29. S. Read a third time and **concurred in**.
- 03-29. s. Ordered immediately messaged.

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ADOPTED DOCUMENTS:

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Amendments to above (if none, write "NONE"): None

Corrections - show date (if none, write "NONE"): None

Topic

Eligibility of second cousins for payments
under the kinship care and long-term kinship
care programs

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1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 587

November 10, 1999 - Introduced by **JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

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3 kinship care programs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the **PREFATORY NOTE** provided by the joint legislative council in the bill.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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