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## 1997 SENATE BILL 432

February 3, 1998 - Introduced by Senators MOORE, PLACHE and WINEKE, cosponsored by Representatives NOTESTEIN, R. YOUNG, PLALE, HANSON, RILEY, ROBSON, LA FAVE, BOYLE, STASKUNAS and R. POTTER. Referred to Committee on Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions.

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- 1 AN ACT to repeal 49.152 (2); to renumber 49.152 (title); to renumber and  
2 amend 49.152 (1); and to create 49.16 (2), (3) and (4) of the statutes; relating  
3 to: the fair hearing process under Wisconsin works.

### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, an individual whose application for a Wisconsin works (W-2) ~~employment position~~ is not acted upon by the W-2 agency with reasonable promptness or is denied in whole or in part, whose benefit is modified or canceled, or who believes that the benefit was calculated incorrectly, may petition the W-2 agency for a review of that action or decision. With certain exceptions, the W-2 agency must grant the petition for review and the department of workforce development (DWD) may review the decision of the W-2 agency if the applicant or participant or the W-2 agency petitions DWD for a review of the W-2 agency's decision.

This bill permits an individual whose application for ~~any component of~~ W-2 ~~(employment position, job access loan, child care or health care)~~ is denied in whole or in part, whose benefit is modified or canceled, or who believes that the benefit was calculated incorrectly, to petition DWD for a review of the action or decision of the W-2 agency. With certain exceptions, DWD must give the individual an opportunity for a hearing. Under the bill, if a participant in the W-2 program requests a hearing before the effective date of the W-2 agency's action, or within 10 days after the mailing of the notice of the action, whichever is later, the participant's benefits may not be suspended, reduced or discontinued, except under limited circumstances, until DWD renders a decision after the hearing.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. 49.152 (title) of the statutes is renumbered 49.16 (title).<sup>x</sup>

2 SECTION 2. 49.152 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 49.16 (1)<sup>x</sup> and amended to  
3 read:

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4 49.16 (1)<sup>x</sup> PETITION FOR REVIEW. Any individual whose application for <sup>any component of</sup> Wisconsin  
5 works ~~under 49.14(1)(a) or (b)~~ is not acted upon by the Wisconsin works agency with  
6 reasonable promptness after the filing of the application, as defined by the  
7 department by rule, or is denied in whole or in part, whose benefit is modified or  
8 canceled, or who believes that the benefit was calculated incorrectly, may petition the  
9 ~~Wisconsin works agency~~ department for a review of such action. Review is  
10 unavailable if the action by the Wisconsin works agency occurred more than 45 days  
11 prior to submission of the petition for review.

12 SECTION 3. 49.152 (2)<sup>x</sup> of the statutes is repealed.

13 SECTION 4. 49.16 (2), (3) and (4)<sup>✓</sup> of the statutes are created to read:

14 49.16 (2)<sup>✓</sup> REVIEW. Upon receipt of a timely petition under sub. (1)<sup>✓</sup>, the  
15 department shall give the applicant or participant reasonable notice and  
16 opportunity for a fair hearing. The department may make any additional  
17 investigation that it considers necessary. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the  
18 applicant or participant and, if appropriate, to the county clerk. The Wisconsin  
19 works agency may be represented at the hearing. The department shall render its  
20 decision as soon as possible after the hearing and shall send a certified copy of its  
21 decision to the applicant or participant, the county clerk, if appropriate, and the

<sup>✓</sup> or that the employment position in which the individual was placed is inappropriate

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1 Wisconsin works agency. The decision of the department shall be final, but may be  
2 revoked or modified as altered conditions may require. The department shall deny  
3 a petition for a hearing or shall refuse to grant relief if any of the following applies:

4 (a) The applicant or participant withdraws the petition in writing.

5 (b) The sole issue in the petition concerns an automatic grant adjustment or  
6 change for a class of participants as required by state or federal law.

7 (c) The applicant or participant abandons the petition. Abandonment occurs  
8 if the applicant or participant fails to appear in person or by a representative at a  
9 scheduled hearing without providing the department with good cause.

10 (3) <sup>✓</sup>SUSPENSION OF BENEFITS. If a participant requests a hearing prior to the  
11 effective date of the action by the Wisconsin works agency or within 10 days after the  
12 mailing of the notice of the action, whichever is later, benefits may not be suspended,  
13 reduced or discontinued until a decision is rendered after the hearing but may be  
14 recovered by the department if the contested decision or failure to act is upheld.  
15 Until a decision is rendered after the hearing, the manner or form of benefit payment  
16 to the participant may not change to a protective, vendor or <sup>✓</sup>2-party payment.  
17 Benefits shall be suspended, reduced or discontinued if any of the following applies:

18 (a) The participant is contesting a state or federal law or a change in state or  
19 federal law and not the participant's benefit computation.

20 (b) The participant is notified of a change in his or her benefit while the hearing  
21 decision is pending but the participant fails to request a hearing on the change.

22 (4) NOTICE TO PARTICIPANT. The participant shall be promptly informed in  
23 writing if benefits are to be suspended, reduced or terminated pending the hearing  
24 decision.

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(END) <sup>✓</sup>

**SUBMITTAL  
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU  
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561  
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

**Date:** 3/4/99

**To:** Senator Moore

**Relating to LRB drafting number:** LRB-1318

**Topic**

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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction \_\_\_\_\_

in the **Senate**  or the **Assembly** \_\_\_\_\_ (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached \_\_\_\_\_.

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction \_\_\_\_\_.

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

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