

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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To Representative Krusick:

1. In light of the fact that the Vermont waiver is presently being challenged in federal court by Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, do you want to authorize, rather than require, DHFS to seek a waiver and a waiver extension under s. 49.477? If DHFS receives such a waiver, do you want to make s. 49.688 inapplicable or otherwise alter it?
2. Since Medicare Part A beneficiaries generally receive coverage of prescription drugs for inpatient care, do you want to restrict eligibility for medical assistance under the waiver program (s. 49.477) to Medicare Part B beneficiaries?
3. Section 16.47 (2), stats., does not permit either house of the legislature to pass a bill that contains an appropriation of or increases the cost of state government by more than \$10,000, except for emergency appropriations bills, until the budget bill has passed both houses. If this bill is introduced and enacted as an emergency measure prior to passage of the budget, the appropriation set forth in this bill will, as part of the enacted act, be repealed by action of the budget bill (which repeals and recreates the appropriations schedule), unless you have also amended the budget bill to include the correct appropriation line amount. You may wish to consider having this bill redrafted as an amendment to the budget bill; wish to include an effective date for the bill that is later than the projected date for passage of the budget bill; or wish to introduce this bill after passage of the budget bill. Please let me know if I can be of help.

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