2001 SENATE BILL 356

December 19, 2001 – Introduced by Senators Robson, Erpenbach and Roessler, cosponsored by Representatives Johnsrud, La Fave, J. Lehman, Miller, Ott, Plouff, Pocan and Turner. Referred to Committee on Human Services and Aging.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 440.03 (11m) (c) and 440.14 (5) (b) of the statutes; **relating**
- to: the disclosure of information about licensed nurses to the coordinated licensure information system.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Wisconsin has adopted the Nurse Licensure Compact, which requires the member states to participate in the coordinated licensure information system. The system is a cooperative effort by the member states to create a coordinated data base of all licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, all disciplinary actions taken against licensed nurses, and all denials of nurse licensure. However, current law prohibits the department of regulation and licensing and the board of nursing from disclosing the name, social security number, telephone number, or street address of any licensee who informs the department or the board that he or she does not want such information disclosed. This bill allows the department and the board to disclose such information about licensed nurses and about persons whose applications for nurse licensure were denied to the coordinated licensure information system.

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

SECTION 1. 440.03 (11m) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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440.03 **(11m)** (c) The department of regulation and licensing may not disclose a social security number obtained under par. (a) to any person except to the coordinated licensure information system under s. 441.50 (7); the department of workforce development for purposes of administering s. 49.22; and, for a social security number obtained under par. (a) 1., the department of revenue for the sole purpose of requesting certifications under s. 73.0301.

Section 2. 440.14 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

440.14 **(5)** (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a list that the department or a credentialing board furnishes to another state agency, a law enforcement agency or a federal governmental agency. <u>In addition, par. (a) does not apply to a list that the department or the board of nursing furnishes to the coordinated licensure information system under s. 441.50 (7). A state agency that receives a list from the department or a credentialing board containing a personal identifier of any individual who has made a declaration under sub. (2), (3) or (4) may not disclose the personal identifier to any person other than a state agency, a law enforcement agency or a federal governmental agency.</u>

17 (END)