

**SENATE AMENDMENT 5,
TO 2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 31**

March 9, 2004 – Offered by Senators ROBSON, MOORE, HANSEN, M. MEYER, ERPENBACH, PLALE, RISSER, DECKER, CHVALA, WIRCH, LASSA, COGGS and CARPENTER.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the resolution as follows:

2 **1.** Page 2, line 5: after that line insert:

3 “Whereas, the estimated cost of prescription drug benefits for participants in
4 state employee health insurance plans is \$125 million annually and the cost of
5 prescription medications purchased for Wisconsin prison inmates is \$12 million
6 annually; and

7 Whereas, if the medications in those 2 programs were purchased at the
8 Canadian prices, the savings to Wisconsin taxpayers would be \$83 million; and

9 Whereas, taxpayers and individuals with no or inadequate health insurance
10 need relief from the high cost of prescription drugs; and

11 Whereas, Congress twice has passed legislation to allow American pharmacists
12 and drug wholesalers to import FDA–approved drugs from other countries, but the

1 U.S. department of health and human services has declined to implement a drug
2 import program; and”.

3 (END)