



# STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

## Ninety-Sixth Regular Session

TUESDAY, August 19, 2003

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

### INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

#### Assembly Bill 475

Relating to: marriage between one man and one woman.

By Representatives Gundrum, W. Wood, Hundertmark, Nischke, J. Fitzgerald, Weber, Albers, Nass, Grothman, M. Lehman, Montgomery, LeMahieu, Ott, Gottlieb, F. Lasee, Kreibich, Kestell, Pettis, Seratti, Suder, Ladwig, Freese, Hines, Gunderson, Krawczyk, Lothian, Huebsch, Friske, Petrowski, Towns, Van Roy, Honadel, Bies, Hahn, Olsen, D. Meyer and Owens; cosponsored by Senators S. Fitzgerald, Leibham, Zien, Stepp, Reynolds, Lazich, Schultz, Kanavas and Roessler.

To committee on **Judiciary**.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Governor  
Madison

August 18, 2003

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

The following bill, originating in the Assembly, has been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
<b>AB 61 (in part)</b> .....	48 .....	August 18, 2003

Respectfully submitted,  
*JAMES DOYLE*  
Governor

### GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

August 18, 2003

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I have approved **Assembly Bill 61** as **2003 Wisconsin Act 48** and have deposited it in the Office of the Secretary of State. I have vetoed Section 2 and exercised the partial veto in Section 7.

Assembly Bill 61 addresses a significant public safety need by encouraging the development of enhanced 911 service for wireless phones. Enhanced 911 service allows 911 "public safety answering points," facilities to which 911 calls are initially routed, to pinpoint the location of a 911 call. While most 911 answering points in the state already provide enhanced service for calls originating from landlines, this public safety tool is not available for most wireless callers.

Assembly Bill 61 creates a three-year grant program administered by the Public Service Commission to reimburse local governments and wireless telephone service providers for certain costs related to enhanced wireless 911 service. The program will encourage the consolidation and efficient provision of 911 services by funding a single public safety answering point in each county. However, the bill limits the amount of grant funding that may be provided to link effectively local emergency call centers with the public safety answering point. Without equipment upgrades, calls relayed from the initial answering point to a local emergency call center will lack the locational information necessary to pinpoint the call.

Section 7 [as it relates to s. 146.70 (3m) (d) 4m.] allows the Public Service Commission to provide grants to local governments for costs associated with relaying messages regarding wireless 911 calls from public safety answering points to existing emergency call centers only if the commission determines: (a) the costs will equal no more than five percent of the overall costs of the statewide wireless 911 system; (b) reimbursement is in the public interest and promotes public health and safety; and (c) reimbursement is not a disincentive to consolidation of dispatch functions by local government emergency call centers.

I am partially vetoing Section 7 [as it relates to s. 146.70 (3m) (d) 4m.] to remove the requirements that the commission determine that costs will equal no more than five percent of overall costs and that reimbursement not be a disincentive to consolidation of dispatch functions because I object to the arbitrary five percent limitation on reimbursements for

essential relay functions and because I object to the harm to public safety that could occur if existing emergency call centers are unable to make necessary equipment upgrades. As a result of this partial veto, the commission will still need to determine that reimbursement of these costs is in the public interest and promotes public health and safety.

Section 2 requires the Department of Electronic Government, now the Department of Administration, to administer a program to facilitate purchases, leases and service contracts by local governments that operate wireless public safety answering points. Section 7 [as it relates to s. 146.70 (3m) (d) 5.] limits reimbursements to a local government that purchases outside of the department's program to the actual costs under the program unless the local government has no practicable option under the program.

I am vetoing Section 2 and partially vetoing Section 7 [as it relates to s. 146.70 (3m) (d) 5.] to remove the purchasing program requirements because they are unnecessary and because requiring local governments to make purchases related to enhanced wireless 911 through the department's purchasing program could reduce local governments' abilities to negotiate favorable pricing on other telecommunications services.

Respectfully submitted,  
*JAMES DOYLE*  
Governor

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Madison

To Whom It May Concern:

Acts, Joint Resolutions and Resolutions deposited in this office have been numbered and published as follows:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
<b>AB 61 (in part)</b> . . . . .	48 . . . . .	September 2, 2003

Sincerely,  
*DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE*  
Secretary of State

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**DATE:** August 19, 2003  
**TO:** Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk  
**FROM:** Representative Mary Williams  
**RE:** **Assembly Bill 475** relating to marriage between one man and one woman

I respectfully request that my name be added as a co-sponsor to Assembly Bill 475.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*REPRESENTATIVE MARY WILLIAMS*

August, 2003

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Assembly Chief Clerk  
Patrick Fuller  
208 Risser Justice Center  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Please add me, Representative Daniel P. Vrakas, as a cosponsor of **Assembly Bill 475**, an act to renumber and amend 765.01; to amend 765.001 (2); and to create 765.01 (2), 990.01 (19p) and 990.01 (39) of the statutes; relating to: marriage between one man and one woman.

Sincerely,  
*DANIEL P. VRAKAS*  
State Representative  
33rd Assembly District

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**REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS**

**Assembly Bill 444**

1. Page 31, line 20: delete "or (16) (b)".