

2003-04 SESSION
COMMITTEE HEARING
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Committee Name:

Senate Committee on
Health, Children,
Families, Aging and
Long Term Care
(SC-HCFALTC)

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Senate/Assembly Bill X... relating to: including dentists and dental hygienists as health care professionals for the purpose of forming service corporations.

BILL SPONSORS

Introduced by Senators S. Fitzgerald, Roessler, Leibham, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Schultz, Harsdorf, Darling, Stepp and Reynolds

Cosponsored by Representative Nass

BILL HISTORY

Senate/Assembly Bill X was introduced and referred to the Committee on January 22, 2003. A public hearing and executive session were held on February 13, 2003.

The committee recommended SB/AB X for passage on a 9, 0 vote.

LRB ANALYSIS

Current Law: Under current law, service corporations may be organized by one or more natural persons who are licensed, certified, or registered under state law if all of the persons have the same license, certificate, or registration. If the persons forming a service corporation are "health care professionals," however, they may form a service corporation even though they do not have the same license, certificate, or registration. Current law, for the purpose of forming a service corporation, defines "health care professional" to include a wide variety of professionals in the health care profession (Physicians, nurses, chiropractors, physical therapists, dieticians, optometrists, psychologists, social workers and hearing/speech therapists), but does not include dentists and dental hygienists in the definition of "health care professional."

Proposed Changes: This bill provides that dentists and dental hygienists are included within the definition of "health care professional" for the purpose of forming service corporations.

Major Impact: Senate Bill 7 would simply add dentists and dental hygienists to the above list for the purpose of forming service corporations with other health care professionals. This option is important for these small business owners to continue to provide dental services throughout Wisconsin.

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	legislation with a unanimous vote and it passed the Assembly on voice vote with no debate.
FISCAL EFFECT	There is no fiscal effect
SUPPORT	<p>The following person/people appeared in favor of this bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Mikalsen, Representative Steve Nass • Dr Steve Zent, Wisconsin Dental Association <p>The following person/people registered in favor of this bill: (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Tom Reynolds • Representative Samantha Kerkman
OPPOSITION	There is no registered opposition
CONTACT	Sara Jermstad, Senator Carol Roessler, 266-5300
DATE	February 17, 2003



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Wisconsin State Representative

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Including Dentists and Dental Hygienists in Service Corporations
February 13, 2003**

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care

Date: 2/13/03

Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 411 South

Committee Member

Senator Carol Roessler

Senator Ted Kanavas

Senator Ronald Brown

Senator Robert Welch

Senator Dale Schultz

Senator Judith Robson

Senator Charles Chvala

Senator Robert Jauch

Senator Tim Carpenter

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Present

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Absent

Excused

Totals:

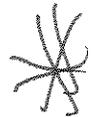
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Vote Record

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Date: 2/13/03

Moved by: Roessler

Seconded by: Schultz

AB SB 7 Clearinghouse Rule
AJR SJR Appointment
AR SR Other

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- Be recommended for:
Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Table with 4 columns: Committee Member, Aye, No, Absent, Not Voting. Rows include Senator Carol Roessler, Senator Ted Kanavas, Senator Ronald Brown, Senator Robert Welch, Senator Dale Schultz, Senator Judith Robson, Senator Charles Chvala, Senator Robert Jauch, Senator Tim Carpenter.

Totals: 8 0