

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Labor**

##### **Assembly Bill 353**

Relating to: permitting an employer to refuse to employ, or to bar or terminate from employment, an individual who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned for that felony.

By Representatives Hundertmark, Ziegelbauer, Suder, Nass, Hines, LeMahieu, Owens, Seratti, Grothman, J. Fitzgerald and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Leibham and Roessler.

May 20, 2003                      Referred to Committee on Labor.

September 3, 2003            **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:     (9)       Representatives Nass, Vrakas, Grothman,  
   Wieckert, Hundertmark, J. Fitzgerald, Sinicki,  
   W. Wood and Van Akkeren.

Absent:       (0)       None.

##### Appearances For

- Rep. Jean Hundertmark, Author
- John Metcalf, WI Manufacturers and Commerce, Madison
- Bill Smith, National Federation of Independent Business, Madison

##### Appearances Against

- Bob Anderson
- Micabil Diaz, Equal Rights Division of DWD, Madison
- Victoria Selkove, Economic Justice Institute, Inc., Madison
- ☐ Frank Polacek, Deerfield
- ☐ Steve Porter, State Bar of WI, Madison
- ☐ John Huebscher, WI Catholic Conference, Madison
- ☐ Patti Reardon, Madison
- ☐ Kent Potthest, Madison Urban Ministry, Madison
- ☐ Rev. Mark Kay Baum, Madison Area Urban Ministry, Madison
- ☐ Dolores Austin, Madison Area Urban Ministry, Madison
- ☐ Jerry Blevins, Voices Beyond Bars, Fitchburg
- ☐ Rev. Sue Larson, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in WI, Madison
- ☐ Christopher Ahmuty, ACLU of WI, Milwaukee

##### Appearances for Information Only

☐ None.

Registrations For

- ☐ Judith Waumuth, WI Hospital Assoc., Madison
- ☐ Sen. Ted Kanavas, 33rd Senate District
- ☐ Sen. Alberta Darling, 8th Senate District

Registrations Against

- ☐ Phil Neuenfeldt, Wisconsin AFL-CIO, Milwaukee
- ☐ LuAnn Bird, League of Women Voters - WI, Madison
- ☐ Forrest Ceel, IBEW - 2150, Waukesha
- ☐ Mark Reihl, WI State Council of Carpenters, Madison
- ☐ Page Buchanan, IBEW-Construction Division, Madison
- ☐ Tillman Morris, Voices Beyond Bars, Oregon
- ☐ Dennis Boyer, AFSCME, Madison
- ☐ Lucy Gibson, Madison

September 17, 2003    **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present:    (9)    Representatives Nass, Vrakas, Grothman,  
Wieckert, Hundertmark, J. Fitzgerald, Sinicki,  
W. Wood and Van Akkeren.

Absent:    (0)    None.

Moved by Representative Vrakas, seconded by Representative Grothman that **Assembly Bill 353** be recommended for passage.

Ayes:    (6)    Representatives Nass, Vrakas, Grothman,  
Wieckert, Hundertmark and J. Fitzgerald.

Noes:    (3)    Representatives Sinicki, W. Wood and Van Akkeren.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 3

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Mike Mikalsen  
Committee Clerk