



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 218

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current law states that a veterinarian's license is not required for castrating male dogs, cats, horses, pigs, goats, sheep, or cattle.

Assembly Bill 218 amends current law to require a veterinarian's license for castrating a male dog, cat, or horse.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 amends current law to provide that a veterinarian's license is not required for castrating male livestock. The term "livestock" is defined as bovine animals, sheep, goats, swine, farm-raised deer, and equine animals. Therefore, the substitute amendment differs from the bill in that the bill requires a veterinarian's license to castrate a male horse, while the substitute amendment does not require this. Both the bill and the substitute amendment require a veterinarian's license to castrate a male dog or cat.

Legislative History

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative J.A. Hines. On May 18, 2005, the Assembly Committee on Public Health recommended adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill as amended by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 1.

On October 27, 2005, the Assembly adopted the substitute amendment, and passed the bill as amended, both by voice votes.

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