

2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 698

January 15, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives RHOADES, ALBERS, KERKMAN, TURNER, NERISON, JESKEWITZ, BALLWEG, A. OTT, GUNDERSON, MUSSER, A. WILLIAMS, BIES, CULLEN, TOWNSEND, MURSAU, SINICKI, MURTHA, HRAYCHUCK, PETROWSKI and KLEEFISCH, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ, LASSA, OLSEN, LEHMAN, A. LASEE, PLALE, DARLING and KREITLOW. Referred to Committee on Aging and Long Term Care.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 50.065 (3) (b); and *to create* 50.065 (2) (e) and
2 50.065 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** background checks for personal
3 care workers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an entity that provides direct care or treatment services must obtain certain background information regarding prospective caregivers. The background information includes criminal history and history of child abuse or neglect, abuse or neglect of a client, misappropriation from a client, and denial of licensing or certification to serve as a caregiver entity. Every four years the entity must obtain updated background information regarding its caregivers.

This bill provides that a personal care worker agency that employs or contracts with a caregiver to work in a private residence must disclose to the client, or to his or her guardian, any information the agency obtains concerning the caregiver's criminal history or history of child abuse or neglect, abuse or neglect of a client, misappropriation from a client, or denial of licensing or certification to serve as a caregiver entity. The bill also requires personal care worker agencies to obtain updated background information regarding its caregivers every two years.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

