



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 427

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current Law

Under current law, an abortion may not be performed or induced unless a woman has given voluntary and informed written consent under the requirements of s. 253.10, Stats. [s. 253.10 (3) (a), Stats.] Consent to an abortion under s. 253.10, Stats., “is voluntary only if the consent is given freely and without coercion by any person.” [s. 253.10 (3) (b), Stats.]

Assembly Bill 427

Assembly Bill 427, among other provisions, requires the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion to “determine whether or not the woman’s consent is, in fact, voluntary.”

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Assembly Amendment 1 requires the physician to make the determination whether the woman’s consent is voluntary by speaking to the woman in person, out of the presence of anyone other than any person working for or with the physician.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Gundrum. The Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics recommended adoption of the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes 2. The committee recommended adoption of Assembly Bill 427, as amended, by a vote of Ayes 8; Noes 2.

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