



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 497

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 497 includes advanced practice nurse prescribers (APNPs) as types of providers who may make recommendations to the Department of Natural Resources regarding hunting permits for persons with disabilities. In addition, the bill modifies the current statute that provides assistance to needy veterans to allow a health care provider to complete medical forms necessary for receipt of aid. The bill defines the term “health care provider” as an APNP, an audiologist, a dentist, an optometrist, or a physician and defines the term “illness” or “injury” as “...a physical or mental health problem that has been diagnosed by a health care provider.” Finally, the bill amends the statutes that relate to driving to state that if a special examination is conducted as the result of the Department of Transportation receiving a report from a physician, APNP, or optometrist, the examination may be conducted by, and the results of the examination certified by, a physician, APNP, or optometrist.

Assembly Amendment 1 modifies the definition of “illness” or “injury” in the portion of the bill relating to veterans to qualify the phrase “diagnosed by health care provider” by adding after that phrase “acting within the scope of that provider’s certification or license.”

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both by votes of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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