



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2007 Assembly Bill 52**

**Assembly  
Amendment 2**

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*Current law* requires that a dog or cat be quarantined if there is reason to believe the animal bit a person, is infected with rabies, or has been in contact with a rabid animal.

*Assembly Bill 52* states that the quarantine requirement in current law does not apply to a dog that is used by a law enforcement agency and that bites a person while a dog is performing law enforcement functions if the dog is immunized against rabies as evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence. The bill further provides that if after biting the person the dog exhibits any abnormal behavior, the law enforcement agency must have the dog examined by a veterinarian.

*Assembly Amendment 2* deletes the provision in the bill requiring the law enforcement agency to have the dog examined by veterinarian if the dog exhibits any abnormal behavior. Instead, the amendment requires that a law enforcement agency have the dog examined by a veterinarian on the day of the incident or the next day, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the incident, and on one intervening day. In addition, the law enforcement agency must ensure that the dog is confined when not performing law enforcement functions until the third examination has been performed.

### Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Public Health introduced Assembly Amendment 2, recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 2, and recommended passage of the bill as amended, all on votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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