

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Senate Bill 50

Senate Substitute Amendment 1

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Current law generally requires an employer to pay an employee's wages no later than 31 days after the date on which the wages are earned, with exceptions for certain employees including, for example, those engaged in logging or farm labor or covered by a collective bargaining agreement establishing a different payment frequency.

Senate Bill 50 creates an additional exception for volunteer fire fighters who, by agreement with their employers, are paid semiannually or annually.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 adds volunteer emergency medical technicians to the bill's exception for volunteer fire fighters.

Legislative History

On April 10, 2007, the Senate Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs held a public hearing on the bill. The committee held an executive session on the bill on April 18, 2007. The committee adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, also on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

Assembly Bill 123 is a companion bill to Senate Bill 50. That bill was amended (by Assembly Substitute Amendment 1) to add volunteer emergency medical technicians to the bill's exceptions and passed, as amended, on a voice vote on April 17, 2007.

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