2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 3

February 12, 2007 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, MILLER, SCHULTZ, DARLING, ROESSLER, TAYLOR, KREITLOW and COGGS. Referred to Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy.

Relating to: encouraging public and private employers to establish and promote healthful lifestyle programs and encouraging economic incentives to stimulate the widespread adoption of such programs.

Whereas, unwise lifestyle choices are a significant cause of cancer, diabetes, chronic lung disease, hypertension, heart disease, stroke, and accidental death and injury and contribute to the morbidity and disability resulting from numerous other chronic diseases; and

Whereas, the combined national cost for the morbidity, mortality, and disability caused by preventable obesity, smoking, substance abuse, and seat belt neglect exceeds $400,000,000 annually (25 percent of all health spending); and

Whereas, obesity alone has become epidemic in America and in Wisconsin, having doubled in the past 20 years and now affecting 21 percent of the adult population; and

Whereas, the cultural shift necessary to reverse these trends and inspire healthful lifestyles will require the broad participation of social leaders,
Whereas, the Institute of Medicine published a comprehensive report on the quality of health care and recommends 6 visions of a transformed healthcare system, including safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable care; and

Whereas, healthful lifestyle choices are implicit in Wisconsin’s health plan “Healthiest Wisconsin 2010”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, That the members of the Wisconsin senate encourage all employers and employees to develop Healthy Lifestyles programs in their places of work; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin senate encourage health care providers in Wisconsin to endorse and adopt the 6 visions of a transformed healthcare system developed by the Institute of Medicine; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin senate encourage Wisconsin’s schools to examine their curricula and programming and modify them as necessary to incorporate nutritional education, physical education, and healthful living into the education of Wisconsin’s children; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin senate encourage economic incentives to stimulate widespread adoption of such workplace programs; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin senate appeal to the private sector to encourage Wisconsin’s communities, by all practical means, to champion and facilitate healthful living for their citizens.

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