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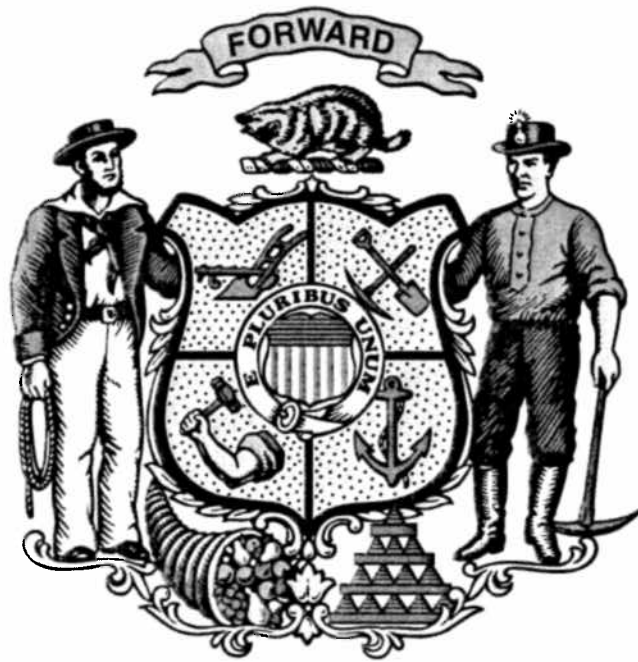
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Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care and Privacy

Status List of Jacket

Date Received 4/19/07

Type of Jacket AB 52

Statement of Economic Interest YES _____ NO _____

1. Public Hearing Held on 5/15/07

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State Representative

Samantha J. Kerkman

Assembly Bill 52

State Representative Samantha Kerkman

Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy

May 15, 2007

Chairman Carpenter and members of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy, thank you for taking the time to hear testimony on Assembly Bill 52. The Bill passed in the Assembly Committee on Public Health unanimously, with a vote of 7-0, and in the Assembly with a vote of 97-0.

Assembly Bill 52 provides critical support to law enforcement officers. Every year in the United States police dogs give their lives in the service of mankind. Many police officers and citizens alike are alive today because of the actions of well trained police dogs. This legislative session I am introducing legislation to help protect the people of the state of Wisconsin and the integrity of the police service dog.

The main reason that I am introducing this legislation this session is because a constituent of mine, Eric Klinkhammer, from the Kenosha County Sheriffs Department alerted me last year of this problem. Eric was going to be here today to testify but he now has been subpoenaed to court relating to his job. Eric is the dog handler in Kenosha County and feels that this legislation is essential to the police officer and service dog.

Currently in Wisconsin, every dog that bites must be quarantined for ten days and receive a series of three veterinary check-ups during those ten days. This law is in place to check for the rabies virus and to prevent its spread. This law is very important to prevent the spread of rabies, but it lacks one exception; the exception for law enforcement dogs. Police service dogs are important to the people of Wisconsin, and there must be an exception to this rule to best protect our state.

Police Dogs have many jobs. They guard their handler, and find, chase, intimidate, and hold suspects who are attempting to elude the police. They also serve on search and rescue missions. Police dogs are not vicious animals; most are trained to enjoy their work.

With Assembly Bill 52, if the police dog is up to date on vaccinations and medical examinations, the dog would be exempt from the quarantine rule, but would still have to receive the series of three medical check-ups. With this legislation, the dogs, which are an expensive and valuable

asset to the people of Wisconsin, can continue to do their jobs: To protect the people of Wisconsin.

Assembly Bill 52 is not unprecedented as many other states have laws in place to give an exception to the rabies quarantine rule for police enforcement dogs. For example, our southern neighboring state, Illinois, has a statute that lets police dogs that have recently bitten continue to perform their duties if they have been vaccinated. Our state should have an exception as well.

I thank you again for your time.

Support Across the State

The following list contains associations and departments who have contacted Rep. Kerkman's office with their continued support of the legislation this session.

Wisconsin Deputy Sheriffs Association
Wisconsin Professional Police Association
Kenosha County Sheriffs Department
Dane County Sheriffs Department

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection – State Humane Officer
Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
Wisconsin County Police Association





State Representative

Samantha J. Kerkman

May 16, 2007

Senator Tim Carpenter

Chair, Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy

306 South State Capitol

Hand Delivered

Dear Senator Carpenter;

I am writing to request an executive session on Assembly Bill 52, currently in the Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy. This legislation provides an exception for law enforcement dogs to the current law that requires a ten-day quarantine requirement for animals that bite.

The idea for Assembly Bill 52 was brought to me by a constituent, Deputy Eric Klinkhammer, of the Kenosha County Sheriffs Department. Eric works daily with law enforcement K-9's and believed that there needed to be an exception. These animals are paid for by the taxpayers of our state, and they should always be available if the people of Wisconsin need them.

Again, thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding the legislation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samantha J. Kerkman".

Samantha J. Kerkman

State Representative

66th Assembly District



Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Public Health

Assembly Bill 52

Relating to: an exception for law enforcement dogs to the requirement that a dog that bites a person be quarantined.

By Representatives Kerkman, Steinbrink, Albers, Bies, Gunderson, Hahn, Mursau, Musser, A. Ott, Nass, Stone and Townsend; cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Kedzie and Grothman.

January 30, 2007 Referred to Committee on Public Health.

March 14, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (9) Representatives Hines, Vukmir, Ballweg,
 Moulton, Nerison, Benedict, Wasserman,
 Schneider and Black.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Samantha Kerkman — Rep., State Assembly
- Yvonne Bellay, Madison — Dr., DATCP
- Robert Wierengd, Delavan — Wisconsin County Police Assoc.
- Jason Hintz, Delavan — Wisconsin County Police Assoc.

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- John Steinbrink — Representative, State Assembly

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 28, 2007

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Representatives Hines, Ballweg, Moulton,
Nerison, Benedict, Wasserman and Black.
Absent: (2) Representatives Vukmir and Schneider.

Moved by Representative Hines, seconded by Representative
Ballweg that **Assembly Amendment** be recommended for
introduction.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Hines, Ballweg, Moulton,
Nerison, Benedict, Wasserman and Black.
Noes: (0) None.
Absent: (2) Representatives Vukmir and Schneider.

INTRODUCTION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Wasserman, seconded by Representative
Ballweg that **Assembly Amendment LRB0212** be recommended
for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Hines, Ballweg, Moulton,
Nerison, Benedict, Wasserman and Black.
Noes: (0) None.
Absent: (2) Representatives Vukmir and Schneider.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT LRB0212 ADOPTION
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Ballweg, seconded by Representative
Nerison that **Assembly Bill 52** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Hines, Ballweg, Moulton,
Nerison, Benedict, Wasserman and Black.
Noes: (0) None.
Absent: (2) Representatives Vukmir and Schneider.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Douglas Parrott
Committee Clerk



WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY
2007-2008 SESSION
Speaker Huebsch

AB 52
BY KERKMAN
EXEMPT LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS FROM QUARANTINE
PASSAGE

AYES - 97 NAYS - 0 NOT VOTING - 2 PAIRED - 0

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A			ALBERS (R)	A			KESTELL (R)	A			SCHNEIDER (D)
A			BALLWEG (R)	A			KLEEFISCH (R)	A			SEIDEL (D)
A			BENEDICT (D)	A			KRAMER (R)	A			SHERIDAN (D)
A			BERCEAU (D)	A			KREUSER (D)	A			SHERMAN (D)
A			BIES (R)	A			KRUSICK (D)		X		SHILLING (D)
A			BLACK (D)	A			LASEE (R)	A			SINICKI (D)
A			BOYLE (D)	A			LEMAHIEU (R)	A			SMITH (D)
A			COLON (D)	A			LOTHIAN (R)	A			SOLETSKI (D)
A			CULLEN (D)	A			MASON (D)	A			STASKUNAS (D)
A			DAVIS (R)	A			MEYER (R)	A			STEINBRINK (D)
A			FIELDS (D)	A			MOLEPSKE (D)	A			STONE (R)
A			FITZGERALD (R)		X		MONTGOMERY (R)	A			STRACHOTA (R)
A			FRISKE (R)	A			MOULTON (R)	A			SUDER (R)
A			GARTHWAITE (D)	A			MURSAU (R)	A			TAUCHEN (R)
A			GOTTLIEB (R)	A			MURTHA (R)	A			TOLES (D)
A			GRIGSBY (D)	A			MUSSER (R)	A			TOWNSEND (R)
A			GRONEMUS (D)	A			NASS (R)	A			TRAVIS (D)
A			GUNDERSON (R)	A			NELSON (D)	A			TURNER (D)
A			GUNDRUM (R)	A			NERISON (R)	A			VAN AKKEREN (D)
A			HAHN (R)	A			NEWCOMER (R)	A			VAN ROY (R)
A			HEBL (D)	A			NYGREN (R)	A			VOS (R)
A			HILGENBERG (D)	A			OTT, A. (R)	A			VRUWINK (D)
A			HINES (R)	A			OTT, J. (R)	A			VUKMIR (R)
A			HINTZ (D)	A			OWENS (R)	A			WASSERMAN (D)
A			HIXSON (D)	A			PARISI (D)	A			WIECKERT (R)
A			HONADEL (R)	A			PETERSEN (R)	A			WILLIAMS, A. (D)
A			HRAYCHUCK (D)	A			PETROWSKI (R)	A			WILLIAMS, M. (R)
A			HUBLER (D)	A			POCAN (D)	A			WOOD (R)
A			JESKEWITZ (R)	A			POPE-ROBERTS (D)	A			YOUNG (D)
A			JORGENSEN (D)	A			PRIDEMORE (R)	A			ZEPNICK (D)
A			KAUFERT (R)	A			RHOADES (R)	A			ZIEGELBAUER (D)
A			KERKMAN (R)	A			RICHARDS (D)	A			ZIPPERER (R)
A			KESSLER (D)	A			ROTH (R)	A			SPEAKER (R)

IN CHAIR: GOTTLIEB

NO VACANT DISTRICTS

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