

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation**

##### **Senate Bill 138**

Relating to: claims for loss of society and companionship in medical malpractice cases.

By Senators Plale, Risser, Hansen, Sullivan and Breske; cosponsored by Representatives Staskunas, Zepnick, Parisi, Hixson, Berceau and Turner.

April 11, 2007            Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

October 17, 2007        **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (0)    None.

Absent:     (0)    None.

##### Appearances For

- Jeff Plale — Senator
- Eric Rice, Middleton
- Richard Piechocki, Pulaski
- Mary Piechocki, Pulaski
- Dolores Gauthier, Downingtown
- Ronald Ernst, Appleton
- Susan Ernst, Appleton
- Linda Steinke, Oak Creek
- Jamie Martin, Kansasville
- Robert Kraig — WI Citizen Action
- Robert Jaskulski — Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Keith Clifford — WI Academy of Trial Lawyers

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Tom Gauthier, Oshkosh
- Robert Gauthier, Muskego
- Marcel Gauthier, Sussex
- Curt Wycklendt, Glendale

- Jane Garrott, Stoughton
- Paul Sicula — WI Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Adam Korbitz — State Bar of WI

Registrations Against

- John Metcalf, Madison — Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- Bill Smith — National Federation of Independent Businesses
- Erin Roth — Amercian Petroleum Institute
- Jim Hough — WI Economic Development Association
- Jim Hough — WI Coalition for Civil Justice
- Jim Hough — Civil Trial Counsel of WI
- Jeremy Levin — WI Medical Society
- Nick George — Midwest Food Processors
- Paul Merline — WI Hospital Association
- Alice O'Connor — WI Psychiatric Association
- Michael Welsh — WI Academy of Family Physicians

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

November 06, 2007 Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation.

December 5, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter, Taylor, Roessler, Lazich and Kanavas.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Taylor, seconded by Senator Carpenter that **Senate Bill 138** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (6) Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter, Taylor, Roessler and Kanavas.

Noes: (1) Senator Lazich.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1

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Kelly Johnson-Becker  
Committee Clerk