

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

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

Senate Bill 246

Relating to: mental health professionals who may provide outpatient services for the treatment of nervous and mental conditions and alcoholism and other drug abuse problems or who, under Medical Assistance, may provide psychotherapy and alcohol and other drug abuse services and exempting certain Medical Assistance benefits from physician prescription requirements.

By Senators Miller, Lehman, Erpenbach, Darling, Hansen, Risser, Roessler, Vinehout and Wirch; cosponsored by Representatives Bies, Pope-Roberts, Albers, Benedict, Berceau, Black, Davis, Gunderson, Grigsby, Hahn, Hintz, Hubler, Kaufert, Mursau, A. Ott, Sheridan, Soletski, Townsend, Zepnick and Wasserman.

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

January 24, 2008 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter,
Taylor, Roessler, Lazich and Kanavas.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Cara Hoffert, Madison
- Carolyn Moynihan, Verona — Clinical Social Work Association of WI
- Carol Faynik, Madison
- Darald Hanusa, Madison — Dr.
- Jennifer Burelbah, La Crosse — Burelbach Psychotherapy, LLC
- Don Norman, Wausau — Dr., Wisconsin Coalition of Behavioral Health Providers
- Mary Nervig, McFarland
- Ruth Ann Berkholtz, Madison — NASW
- Marc Herstand, Madison — National Association of Social Workers
- Mark Miller — Sen.
- Gary Bies — Rep.
- Thomas O'Connor, Madison — Madison Psychiatric Associates

- John Macek, Janesville
- David Dropkin, Brown Deer — WI Association of Behavioral Health Services
- Donna Ulteig, Madison
- Elizabeth Hudson, Madison
- LeAnn Spak, Oak Creek
- Lenore DeLoughery, LaValle — Quaker Valley Counseling Services

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Jeff Scanlan — Department of Regulation and Licensing
- Dan Zimmerman — DHFS
- Katie Plona — DHFS

Registrations For

- Vincent Fish, Madison
- Sharon Hale, Madison
- Jen Shilling — Rep.
- Josh Zepnick — Rep.
- Carrie Young, Madison — The Family Therapy Center
- Harvey Dym, Madison
- Anne Beal, Madison
- Bridget Crown, Madison — Lake Monona Center
- Sally Stevens, Madison — Lake Monona Center

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 27, 2008

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

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

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Carpenter, seconded by Senator Erpenbach that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter,
Taylor and Roessler.
Noes: (2) Senators Lazich and Kanavas.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE
AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 2

Moved by Senator Carpenter, seconded by Senator Erpenbach that
Senate Bill 246 be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter,
Taylor and Roessler.
Noes: (2) Senators Lazich and Kanavas.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 2

Kelly Johnson-Becker
Committee Clerk