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THURSDAY, August 6, 2009

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

AMENDMENTS OFFERED

Assembly substitute amendment 1 to **Assembly Bill 94** offered by committee on **Tourism, Recreation and State Properties**.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 05-058

Relating to minimum standards for county shoreland zoning ordinances.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, July 22, 2009.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Referred on August 5, 2009.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 361

Relating to: the amount of the exemption from income tax withholding requirements for employees of a county fair association.

By Representatives Gunderson, Smith, Berceau, Ballweg, Brooks, Kerkman, Lothian, Nass, Nerison, A. Ott, Petersen, Spanbauer, Vos and Townsend; cosponsored by Senators Kedzie, Lehman, Darling, Grothman, Harsdorf, A. Lasee, Olsen, Schultz and Taylor.

To committee on **Renewable Energy and Rural Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 362

Relating to: designating and marking the bridge on USH 41 across the Peshtigo River in the city of Peshtigo as the Steven Drees Memorial Bridge.

By Representative Nygren; cosponsored by Senator Hansen.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Assembly Bill 363

Relating to: the method by which the Department of Revenue makes certain calculations regarding tax incremental financing district number 8 in the city of Ripon.

By Representative Ballweg; cosponsored by Senator Olsen.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 364

Relating to: Council on Offender Reentry.

By Representative Parisi; cosponsored by Senator Taylor.

To committee on **Corrections and the Courts**.

Assembly Bill 365

Relating to: admitting prior testimony of a felony victim at a probation, parole, or extended supervision revocation hearing.

By Representatives Barca, Hixson, Turner, Seidel, Hraychuck, A. Williams, Gundrum, Berceau, Kleefisch, Wood, M. Williams, Gunderson and Petrowski; cosponsored by Senators Plale, Wirch, Hansen, Lassa and A. Lasee.

To committee on **Criminal Justice**.

Assembly Bill 366

Relating to: probation for certain drunken driving offenses and providing penalties.

By Representatives Barca, Roys, Benedict, Bies, Turner, Hebl, Berceau, Grigsby, Hilgenberg and Spanbauer; cosponsored by Senators Lehman and Vinehout.

To committee on **Health and Healthcare Reform**.

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Reference Bureau
Madison

DATE: August 3, 2009

TO: Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk

Robert Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk

FROM: Bruce J. Hoesly
Code Editor

SUBJECT: Rules published in the July 31, 2009 Wisconsin Administrative [Register, No. 643](#).

The following rules have been published:

Clearinghouse Rule 08-067 effective 8-1-2009
Clearinghouse Rule 08-084 effective 8-1-2009
Clearinghouse Rule 08-102 effective 8-1-2009
Clearinghouse Rule 08-104 effective 8-1-2009
Clearinghouse Rule 08-114 effective 8-1-2009
Clearinghouse Rule 09-017 effective 8-1-2009

August 4, 2009

Assembly Speaker Mike Sheridan
211 West State Capitol

Dear Speaker Sheridan:

This letter is to inform you of my decision to nominate Jamie Kratz-Gullickson as my minority party appointee to the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse pursuant to section 15.207 (16) of the Wisconsin statutes. Please find her resume enclosed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
JEFF FITZGERALD
Assembly Republican Leader

August 4, 2009

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Patrick:

I am pleased to transmit to you the following reports to the 2009 Legislature on legislation introduced by the Joint Legislative Council:

RL 2009-05 Special Committee on Strengthening Wisconsin Families

[2009 Senate Bill 210 and 2009 Assembly Bill 296; 2009 Senate Bill 211 and 2009 Assembly Bill 297; and 2009 Senate Bill 212 and 2009 Assembly Bill 298]

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Journal for the information of the membership. Additional copies of these reports are available at the Legislative Council Staff offices, One East Main, Suite 401, or from our web page at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc>.

Sincerely,
TERRY C. ANDERSON
Joint Legislative Council
Director

August 5, 2009

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

Please add my name as a co-author of Assembly Bill 299, relating to products containing mercury and granting rule-making authority.

Sincerely,
LOUIS MOLEPSKE, JR.
State Representative
71st Assembly District

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services
Madison

August 5, 2009

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The Department of Health Services is pleased to submit to you, as required by s. 253.115 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the annual report on the status of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS) in Wisconsin. I am especially pleased to report that in 2008, all of the State's birthing hospitals had implemented a hearing screening program.

In 2008, 98 percent of babies born in Wisconsin were born in a facility that offers UNHS and 2 percent were born at home. Currently 96 percent of babies are screened prior to hospital discharge, with a 0.2 percent rate of refusal. The statewide average rate of infants who did not pass the inpatient hearing screen in 2008 was 2.1 percent, which falls within the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation of less than 4 percent.

The Department's early hearing detection and intervention program, Wisconsin Sound Beginnings (WSB), continues to provide support to screening and diagnostic organizations and to the county Birth to 3 programs, working with identified infants with hearing loss and their families. With federal funds, WSB has implemented an early hearing loss data collection and tracking system in 94 birthing units, 18 neo-natal intensive care units, and 61 audiology clinics. WSB also has developed a parent-to-parent support system which has received national attention, called the Guide By Your Side program. The program provides services for families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, including those who are Spanish- and Hmong-speaking only.

Hearing loss is the most common congenital birth defect, affecting an estimated 200 Wisconsin infants annually. Undetected hearing loss impedes speech, language, and cognitive and social development. The Department is dedicated to helping children and families cope with the effect of hearing loss through its early detection and intervention programs, so that all Wisconsin children can have a sound beginning.

Sincerely,
KAREN E. TIMBERLAKE
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Children and Families**.