



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 319

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 319 puts in place statutes governing regional teams established to respond to structural collapse emergencies. The bill directs the Division of Emergency Management (“division”) to contract with local agencies to establish no more than four regional structural collapse teams.

The bill sets forth three scenarios under which the division would reimburse a team for expenses incurred by the team in responding to a structural collapse emergency. Reimbursement is limited to the amount of money collected by the division from a responsible person. However, as drafted, there would have been no money coming in from a person responsible for the structural collapse for purposes of reimbursing the team.

Under *Assembly Amendment 1*, the team must make a good faith effort to identify the person responsible for the collapse and provide that information to the division. The division collects money from the responsible person and reimburses the team for costs incurred in responding to the incident. As under the bill, reimbursement is limited to the amount of money collected by the division from a responsible person.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, on votes of Ayes, 7; and Noes, 0. The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 90; Noes, 6.

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