



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
AMENDMENT MEMO

<b>2011 Assembly Bill 617</b>	<b>Assembly Substitute Amendment 1</b>
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**2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 617**

**Political Subdivision Ordinances**

*2011 Assembly Bill 617* (the bill) prohibits a city, village, town, or county (political subdivision) from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits, or unreasonably restricts, a person from renting out the person's *residential dwelling* for seven consecutive days or longer. The bill defines a "residential dwelling" to mean:

Any building, structure, or part of the building or structure, that is primarily used and occupied for human habitation or intended to be so used and includes any appurtenances belonging to it or usually enjoyed with it.

**Department of Health Services Regulations**

*Under current law*, the Department of Health Services (DHS) regulates hotels, bed and breakfast establishments, and tourist rooming houses. The bill provides that a residential dwelling is not required to comply with any of these regulations that may currently be applicable.

**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

*Assembly Substitute Amendment 1* (ASA 1) removes the provisions in the bill that exempt residential dwellings from DHS regulations.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

On March 6, 2012, Representative Rivard introduced ASA 1. On March 7, 2012, the Assembly Committee on Housing voted to recommend adoption of ASA 1 by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0; and voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 1.

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