



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 345

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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SENATE BILL 345

Senate Bill 345 makes various changes relating to professional licensing in the state. Among other changes, the bill: requires the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to collect fingerprints from applicants for real estate appraiser certifications or licenses; authorizes DSPS and relevant credentialing boards to suspend or revoke credentials in the event that a credential holder fails to respond to an information request during an investigation of alleged misconduct; increases the number of members of the Cosmetology Examining Board who may be affiliated with a cosmetology school; makes certain changes relating to the licensing of pharmacists and to the prescription drug monitoring program; and makes certain changes relating to the permitting and inspection of elevators and lifts and the continuing education requirements of elevator and lift inspectors, mechanics, and contractors.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 makes two changes to the bill. The first change relates to the inspection of elevators and dumb waiters in connection with the sale of residential property. The bill requires that any elevator or dumb waiter in a residential dwelling unit must be inspected by either DSPS or an independent inspector prior to the sale or transfer of the residential dwelling unit. The amendment removes that requirement. Instead, the amendment requires that, if a contract for the sale or transfer of a residential dwelling unit includes a contract term requiring the inspection of an elevator or dumb waiter, then that inspection must be performed by an elevator inspector who is licensed by the state.

Second, throughout the provisions of the bill relating to the licensing of pharmacists, the amendment corrects the name of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 relates to continuing education requirements for elevator mechanics and inspectors. Under current law, unchanged by the bill, most licenses for elevator mechanics and inspectors have two-year terms, but emergency and temporary licenses with different term lengths may be issued in some circumstances. The bill modifies the timeframe for continuing education for licensed elevator mechanics and inspectors from the specific, one-year period prior to the license renewal date to the two-year term of the license. The amendment removes the words “two-year” from the phrase “two-year term of the license.” The effect of the change would be to allow elevator mechanics and inspectors to obtain their continuing education credits anytime during the term of their licenses.

Bill History

On December 19, 2013, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 on votes of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0.

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