



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0302/P1  
PJH:jld:jm

DOA:.....Major, BB0074 - Filing fees in voluntary paternity actions

**FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**COURTS AND PROCEDURE**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

Under current law, a person must generally pay a filing fee to commence certain actions affecting the family, including an action to establish the paternity of a child and to determine child support and legal custody and physical placement of the child. However, current law eliminates the fee for certain actions or for certain persons who commence the action.

Under current law, there is no fee for an action to determine paternity brought by the state or its delegate or commenced on behalf of the child by a guardian ad litem, and no fee to determine child support and legal custody and physical placement of the child in the paternity action.

This bill eliminates the filing fee for an action brought by the state or its delegate or commenced on behalf of the child by a guardian ad litem to determine child support and legal custody and physical placement of a child for whom paternity has been established by his or her parents' voluntary acknowledgement of paternity.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 814.61 (1) (c) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:

814.61 (1) (c) 1m. An action under s. 767.805 (3) that is brought by the state or its delegate or commenced on behalf of the child by an attorney appointed under s. 767.407.

**(END)**