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Allow mej ko	ob to officiate	at marriage				
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### Kahler, Pam

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Hi Pam, Could you take care of this please?

Thanks much..

Lori

From: Ewy, Stuart

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016 2:02 PM **To:** LRB.Legal <a href="mailto:lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov">lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov</a>

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Subject: drafting request

Hello,

Can you please draft for us a Senate Companion to AB 507?

AB 507 was authored by Rep. John Brostoff and he authorized the companion.

Thanks very much,

Regards,

G. Stuart Ewy Office of Senator Tim Carpenter State Capitol 109 S 608.266.8535



## State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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November 13, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives Brostoff, Stuck, Genrich, Johnson, Milroy, Goyke, Subeck, Kolste, Danou, Hintz, Hesselbein, Barnes, Doyle, Gannon, Pope, Bowen, E. Brooks, Riemer, Kulp, Shankland, Wachs, Ohnstad, Zepnick, Rohrkaste, Sinicki, Ballweg, Kitchens, Thiesfeldt, Considine, Zamarripa, Kessler, Sargent, Meyers, Young, Barca, A. Ott, Spreitzer and Jorgensen, cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Harris Dodd, Vinehout, Wirch, Hansen, Lassa, C. Larson and Roth. Referred to Committee on Family Law.

AN ACT to amend 765.16 (2m); and to create 765.16 (1m) (g) of the statutes;

relating to: persons authorized to officiate at a marriage.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes a mej koob to officiate at a marriage in accordance with traditional Hmong wedding ceremony customs.

Under current law, a marriage is validly solemnized and contracted in this state after a marriage license has been issued and the two parties mutually declare, before an authorized officiating person and two witnesses, that they take each other as each other's spouse. The following persons are authorized officiating persons: 1) an ordained member of the clergy; 2) a licentiate of a denominational body or an appointee of a bishop serving as the regular member of the clergy of any church of the denomination to which the member of the clergy belongs; 3) the two marrying parties themselves, by mutual declaration that they take each other as each other's spouse; 4) a judge, reserve judge, or municipal judge; and 5) a circuit court commissioner. This bill adds a mej koob, in accordance with traditional Hmong wedding ceremony customs, to the list of who may officiate at a marriage. A mej koob is an individual in Hmong culture who negotiates a marriage between the families of the future bride and groom. A mej koob also conducts the wedding celebration and ensures that the traditional Hmong cultural customs and rituals are followed during the celebration.

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

# ASSEMBLY BILL 507

1	<b>SECTION 1.</b> 765.16 (1m) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
2	765.16 (1m) (g) A mej koob, in accordance with traditional wedding ceremony
3	customs of the Hmong people.
4	<b>SECTION 2.</b> 765.16 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:
5	765.16 (2m) An officiating person under sub. (1m) (a), (b), (d), (e), or (g)
3	must be at least 18 years old.
7	(END)

### Rose, Stefanie

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Please Jacket LRB -4592/1 for the SENATE.