



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 26
[2015 Senate Bill 182]

**Certain Out-of-State
Ambulance Service Providers**

2015 Wisconsin Act 26 creates an exemption from licensing and certification requirements for certain ambulance service providers (ASPs), emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and first responders who are credentialed in another state.

BACKGROUND

Under current law, a person may not act as an ASP unless that person is licensed by the Department of Health Services (DHS). Also, under current law, EMTs and first responders practicing in Wisconsin must be licensed or certified by DHS. DHS may issue a license or certificate as an EMT, or a certificate as a first responder, to any individual who holds a current license or certificate from another jurisdiction if DHS finds that the standards for licensing or issuing certificates in the other jurisdiction are at least substantially equivalent to those in Wisconsin, and that the applicant is otherwise qualified.

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The Act creates an exemption for licensing and certification requirements for certain ASPs, EMTs, and first responders, as follows:

- When an ASP is licensed in another state and makes 10 or fewer patient transports per year that originate and terminate in Wisconsin, the ASP is not required to hold an ASP license in Wisconsin.
- When an EMT is licensed or holds a training permit in another state and is involved in 10 or fewer patient transports per year that originate and terminate within Wisconsin, the EMT is not required to hold a Wisconsin EMT license or training permit.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

- When a first responder is certified in another state and provides emergency medical care to 10 or fewer patients per year within Wisconsin, the first responder is not required to hold a first responder certificate in Wisconsin.

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