

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO



2015 SENATE BILL 182

Under current law, a person may not act as or advertise for the provision of services as an ambulance service provider unless that person is licensed by the Department of Health Services (DHS).

Under the bill, an ambulance service provider that is licensed in another state may make 10 or fewer patient transports per year that originate and terminate in Wisconsin, without being licensed in Wisconsin.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Under current law, emergency medical technicians (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.

Senate Amendment 1 provides that an EMT licensed in or holding a training permit in another state who is involved in 10 or fewer patient transports per year that originate and terminate within Wisconsin is not required to hold a Wisconsin EMT license or training permit. Likewise, the amendment provides that a first responder certified in another state who provides emergency medical care to 10 or fewer patients per year within Wisconsin is not required to hold a Wisconsin first responder certificate.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 182 was offered by Senator Marklein on June 2, 2015.

On June 4, 2015, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1, and passage of the bill, as amended, on successive votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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