



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Senate Bill 81	Senate Amendments 1 and 2
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2015 SENATE BILL 81

Senate Bill 81 limits the authority of political subdivisions to regulate professions. Specifically, the bill prohibits a city, village, town, or county from imposing occupational fees or licensing requirements on any additional professions, but allows them to continue imposing fees and licensing requirements on professions subject to such regulation on the effective date of the bill.

Senate Bill 81 treats the regulation of photographers differently, however. The bill prohibits a city, village, town, or county from imposing an occupational fee or licensing requirement on photographers, even if it is currently doing so.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 prohibits a city, village, town, or county from imposing requirements on a contractor that are more stringent than those imposed by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) under s. 101.654, Stats., *Contractor certification and education*, with regard to the areas in which DSPS may impose requirements under that statute.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 provides that if DSPS, an examining board, affiliated credentialing board, or other board within DSPS imposes new occupational fees or licensing requirements on a profession that was not previously regulated by the state, then a city, village, town, or county can no longer regulate that profession. In addition, any existing regulations by the political subdivision do not apply and may not be enforced.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendments 1 and 2 were offered by Senator Wanggaard on April 30, 2015. On June 5, 2015, the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government recommended adoption of the amendments on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2. The committee then recommended passage of Senate Bill 81, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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