



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Senate Bill 251

Senate Amendment 1

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Senate Amendment 1 (“the amendment”) to 2017 Senate Bill 251 (“the bill”) makes changes to the minimum age for employment as a lifeguard.

HAZARDOUS EMPLOYMENT FOR MINORS

Under current law, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) sets minimum ages for hazardous employment for minors. Under that authority, DWD rules prohibit minors 14 and 15 years of age from being employed as lifeguards.

The Bill

The bill requires DWD to permit minors at least 15 years of age to be employed as lifeguards. The bill retains the requirement that a minor must successfully complete a life saving course in order to be employed as a lifeguard.

The Amendment

The amendment adds a requirement that an adult employee be present on the premises whenever a 15 year old is employed as a lifeguard.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Olson on August 15, 2017. On November 1, 2017, the Senate Committee on Workforce Development, Military Affairs, and Senior Issues recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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