

2019 DRAFTING REQUEST

Bill

For: **Jeremy Thiesfeldt (608) 266-3156** Drafter: **tdodge**
 By: **Katie** Secondary Drafters:
 Date: **3/11/2019** May Contact:

Same as LRB: **-1418**

Submit via email: **YES**
 Requester's email: **Rep.Thiesfeldt@legis.wisconsin.gov**
 Carbon copy (CC) to: **tamara.dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov**

Pre Topic:

No specific pre topic given

Topic:

Services to homeless individuals under Volunteer Health Care Provider program

Instructions:

Companion to LRB-1418

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Dodge, Tamara

From: Dodge, Tamara
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Scott, Katie
Subject: RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 1418: participation in the Volunteer Health Care Provider program by agencies serving homeless individuals.

Katie,

Absolutely, I will get you a companion bill right away.

Tami

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Please note my new direct phone number (as of June 13, 2018).

From: Scott, Katie <Katie.Scott@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:25 AM
To: Dodge, Tamara <Tamara.Dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 1418: participation in the Volunteer Health Care Provider program by agencies serving homeless individuals.

Hi Tami,

Can we get the attached bill jacketed for the Assembly?

We're the Assembly lead, and we would love to have an Assembly companion bill.

Thanks!
Katie

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From: Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 10:38 AM
To: *Legislative Everyone <LegEveryone@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 1418: participation in the Volunteer Health Care Provider program by agencies serving homeless individuals.

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TO: All Legislators

FROM: Senators Darling and Johnson

Representatives Thiesfeldt, Stuck, Felzkowski

DATE: Monday, March 11, 2019

DEADLINE: Friday, March 22, 2019

LRB 1418 ensures that volunteer health providers who serve the homeless in free and charitable clinics are covered by the state's liability insurance program.

The Volunteer Health Care Program (VHCP) provides liability insurance for licensed health professionals who volunteer their services to provide outpatient care at free clinics. Eligibility is determined by the percent of individuals served in the clinic who are uninsured or underinsured who are not Medicaid recipients.

Unfortunately, this definition excludes the free and charitable clinics who provide services to our state's homeless population. Generally, homeless individuals in Wisconsin are enrolled in Medicaid. As such, when free and charitable clinics serve this population, their doctors are no longer eligible for the Volunteer Health Care Program.

LRB 1418 alters the eligibility for the VHCP so that providers who serve the homeless in free and charitable clinics can still maintain their liability insurance through the state.

It's crucial for us to continue our commitment to reduce and eliminate homelessness in Wisconsin. This bill removes a serious barrier to treatment by ensuring that volunteer health professionals do not lose their liability insurance by treating the homeless in free clinics.

If you would like to sign onto this bill, please contact Rachel Keith in Senator Darling's office at 6-5830 or Katie Scott in Representative Thiesfeldt's office at 6-3156 by 4 PM on Friday, March 22.