



State of Wisconsin  
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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## Walkenhorst Barber, Sarah

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**From:** Palzewicz, Maddie  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2020 9:28 AM  
**To:** Walkenhorst Barber, Sarah  
**Subject:** Epinephrine bill edits  
**Attachments:** epi bill language\_ssedit.docx

Hi Sarah,

I know I already requested the introductory form of the bill, but can I add in these edits to the bill? Starting at page 4, line 5.

Let me know if that is possible. Thank you!

-Maddie

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Per Maddie (Rep Vining's office)

Modify draft to:

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- can require request from ambulance service provider

\* Have hospital pharmacies operate as they would  
for therapeutic equivalents / drug product equivalents



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Information Services 608-266-0341—Legal Services 608-266-3561



Per Maddie:

\* Add option for ambulance service provider to receive draw-up epinephrine (instead of auto-injectors)

\* Leave option to ambulance service provider, not DHS





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22      medical staff and use of the drug product substitute has been approved for a patient  
23      during the period of the patient's stay within the hospital by any of the following:

24            1. The patient's individual physician.



## **Barman, Mike**

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**From:** Walkenhorst Barber, Sarah  
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**Subject:** Jacket for 5232/3

Hi Lexi and Mike,

Just thought I'd email you both as I'm not sure who has the file at the moment. Rep. Vining's office would like to have the /3 of LRB 5232 jacketed right away when it comes through, if you could!

Thanks,  
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**The attached draft was prepared at your request. Please review it carefully to ensure that it satisfies your intent.** If you have any questions concerning the draft or would like to have it redrafted, please contact Sarah Walkenhorst Barber, Legislative Attorney, at (608) 504-5826, at [sarah.walkenhorstbarber@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:sarah.walkenhorstbarber@legis.wisconsin.gov), or at One East Main Street, Suite 200.

**We will re-jacket this draft for introduction in the Assembly.**

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