

2019 DRAFTING REQUEST

Assembly Amendment (AA-AB250)

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Topic:

Licensure of sign language interpreters

Instructions:

See attached

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Meeting with Rep. Skowronski's office 6/3:

Drafting instructions: draft an amendment to AB 250:

- delete the language in the nonstatutory provision that requires DSPS to contract with BEI to administer the examinations, and replace it with a provision that requires DHS to administer the BEI examinations unless DSPS approves another administrator of the examinations
- add a provision allowing people to submit complaints related to sign language interpreting by mail
- add a provision that specifically authorizes DSPS to issue the ID cards electronically / in a format specified by DSPS
- eliminate the restricted licenses
- add provisions that grandfather current licensees into the new license categories
- in sections of the bill that address practice of sign language interpreting in mental health settings, add a cross-reference to a definition of mental health
- add a provision that sets the fees for the new credentials at \$75 until DSPS sets an alternative amount through the process under s. 440.03(9)(a)



**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION
ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT ,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 250**

IN: 6/4/2019
OUT: 6/5/2019

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 4, line 15: delete the material beginning with that line and ending on
3 page 5, line 7 and substitute:

4 “SECTION 7m. 440.032 (3) (b) of the statutes is repealed.”

5 **2.** Page 9, line 12: after that line insert:

6 “SECTION 15m. 440.032 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

7 440.032 (3m) EXAM ADMINISTRATION IN WISCONSIN. The department of health
8 services shall administer in this state the performance examinations of the Board for
9 Evaluation of Interpreters or its successor, unless the department approves another
10 administrator of the examinations.”

11 **3.** Page 9, line 24: delete “or mental health setting,” and substitute “setting or
12 setting related to treatment, as defined in s. 51.01 (17), involving mental health.”

****NOTE: There is no definition in the statutes of the terms “mental health” and “behavioral health.” If the reference above to treatment that is defined under s. 51.01 (17) is too restrictive, please let me know.

1 **4.** Page 10, line 10: delete “mental health setting,” and substitute “setting
2 related to treatment, as defined in s. 51.01 (17), involving mental health.”

3 **5.** Page 10, line 14: delete “mental health setting,” and substitute “setting
4 related to treatment, as defined in s. 51.01 (17), involving mental health.”

5 **6.** Page 12, line 8: delete “card.” and substitute “card in the format determined
6 by the department.”

7 **7.** Page 13, line 10: delete “renewable”.

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9 **“SECTION 21m.** 440.032 (7m) of the statutes is created to read:
10 440.032 (7m) SUBMITTING COMPLAINTS. A person may submit a complaint to the
11 department by mail concerning a violation of this section or rules promulgated under
12 this section.”

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13 **9.** Page 14, line 8: delete lines 8 to 13.

14 **10.** Page 15, line 25: delete the material beginning with that line and ending
15 on page 16, line 6 and substitute:

16 “(4) TRANSITIONAL LICENSURE.

17 (a) *Sign language interpreter—intermediate hearing licenses.* On the effective
18 date of this paragraph, a sign language interpreter who, immediately prior to the
19 effective date of this paragraph, held a valid 151 Restricted License or a valid
20 exemption issued by the department of safety and professional services, is

1 considered to be a licensed sign language interpreter—intermediate hearing under
2 s. 440.032 (3) (c), and the department of safety and professional services shall issue
3 a license to the individual under s. 440.032 (3) (c) notwithstanding the fee and other
4 application requirements under that section of the statutes.

5 (b) *Sign language interpreter—advanced hearing licenses.* On the effective
6 date of this paragraph, a sign language interpreter who, immediately prior to the
7 effective date of this paragraph, held a valid 150 Renewable License issued by the
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8 license under s. 440.03 (9) (a).”

9 (END)

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