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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Assembly Bill 128**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

### **2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 128**

2021 Assembly Bill 128 specifies that a hospital must obtain both written and verbal informed consent from a patient before a medical student, nursing student, person providing nursing care, or any other person may perform a pelvic examination while the patient is under general anesthesia or is otherwise unconscious.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 maintains the requirement to obtain written consent, but removes the requirement to obtain verbal informed consent, before a pelvic examination may be conducted while a patient is under general anesthesia or is otherwise unconscious.

The amendment also specifies that a practitioner may proceed with a pelvic examination while a patient is unconscious, without prior written consent, if necessary for diagnostic purposes and delay would be detrimental to the patient.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Cabral-Guevara offered Assembly Amendment 1 on October 14, 2021. On October 19, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Health recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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