



State of Wisconsin
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2021 SENATE BILL 1000

February 17, 2022 - Introduced by Senators JAGLER, MARKLEIN, ROTH and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Representatives PENTERMAN, DITTRICH, JAMES, SCHRAA and ALLEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

1 **AN ACT to create** 252.03 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** actions by local health
2 officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, a local health officer's action related to infectious disease may not exceed 60 days. The governing body of the applicable local governmental unit, however, may terminate early or extend the action after the governing body's committee with jurisdiction over health has held a public hearing on the action. The bill requires a governing body that extends an action to set a reasonable termination date for the extended action. Currently, local health officers have the statutory authority to do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease and forbid public gatherings when necessary to control outbreaks or epidemics, among other public health powers. In addition, local health officers must take all measures necessary to prevent, suppress, and control communicable diseases and report those measures to the appropriate governing body along with the progress of the communicable disease.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 252.03 (5) of the statutes is created to read:
4 252.03 (5) (a) In this subsection, "local governmental unit" means a city, village,
5 town, or county.

