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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2023 Assembly Bill 182

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 182

Assembly Bill 182 is a study committee bill developed by the Joint Legislative Council Study Committee on Increasing Offender Employment Opportunities. The bill requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to create a Certificate of Rental Readiness and issue these certificates to individuals who complete training on rental readiness as part of their re-entry programming prior to release from confinement.

Assembly Bill 182 also creates two incentives for landlords who rent to individuals who hold a Certificate of Rental Readiness. First, the bill grants immunity from civil liability to a landlord who leases a residence to an individual who holds a Certificate of Rental Readiness for injuries or damages caused by the individual's intentional acts or omissions.

Second, the bill authorizes the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) to administer a bond program to fund repairs for physical damage to rental property caused by an individual who holds a Certificate of Rental Readiness. Under the bill, funds from the program may cover repairs for a single 12-month lease period, within the first two years after the individual's release from confinement.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 eliminates the WHEDA bonding program covering physical damage to property caused by an individual holding a Certificate of Rental Readiness.

The substitute amendment retains the bill provisions establishing a DOC-issued Certificate of Rental Readiness and granting civil immunity to landlords who rent to certificate holders.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Schraa on January 19, 2024. The Assembly Committee on Corrections adopted the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0, and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes 2.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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