

1987 Assembly Bill 365

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1987 Wisconsin Act **182**

AN ACT *to amend* 655.001 (8) of the statutes, *relating to* applying the laws regulating medical malpractice and the patients compensation fund to ambulatory surgery centers.

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

SECTION 1. 655.001 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

655.001 (8) "Health care provider" means a medical or osteopathic physician licensed under ch. 448; a nurse anesthetist licensed or registered under ch. 441; a partnership comprised of such physicians or nurse anesthetists; a corporation organized and operated in this state for the purposes of providing the medical services of physicians or nurse anesthetists; an operational cooperative sickness care plan organized under ss. 185.981 to 185.985 which directly provides services through salaried employes in its own facility; an ambulatory surgery center; a hospital as defined by s. 50.33 (2) (a) and (c) and any entity operated in this state in connection with one or more hospitals and owned or controlled by the hospital or hospitals when

the entity is assisting the hospital or hospitals in providing diagnosis or treatment of, or care for, patients of the hospital or hospitals; or a nursing home as defined by s. 50.01 (3) whose operations are combined as a single entity with a hospital subject to this section, whether or not the nursing home operations are physically separate from hospital operations. It excludes any state, county or municipal employe or federal employe covered under the federal tort claims act, as amended, who is acting within the scope of employment, and any facility exempted by s. 50.39 (3) or operated by any governmental agency, but any state, county or municipal employe or facility so excluded who would otherwise be included in this definition may petition in writing to be afforded the coverage provided by this chapter and upon filing the petition with the commissioner and paying the fee required under s. 655.27 (3) will be subject to this chapter.