

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**Executive Order #244**Relating to Amending Executive Order #212  
Creating a Statewide Independent Living Council Relating to  
Individuals with Severe Disabilities Rehabilitation**

**WHEREAS**, on October 9, 1992 the President of the United States signed into law the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended through the Amendments of 1992 (Public law 93-112), ("the Act");

**WHEREAS**, Title VII, Section 705 of the Act requires the Governor to establish a statewide independent living council with responsibility to jointly develop and submit the State Plan for independent living services; monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan; coordinate activities with the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council and other councils which address the needs of specific disability populations; ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the Council are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided; and, submit to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration such periodic reports as the commissioner may reasonably request and keep such records, and afford such access to such records, as the Commissioner finds necessary to verify such reports.

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is the designated State agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the composition of the statewide independent living council is defined in the Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Act and the Constitution and laws of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby;

1. Establish the Statewide Independent Living Council ("council") for the State of Wisconsin consisting of fourteen members.
2. Provide that the Council shall select a chairperson from among its membership.
3. Direct that the Council membership include at least one director of a Center for Independent Living chosen by the directors of centers for independent living; and as ex-officio non-voting members a representative from the designated State unit; and representatives from other state agencies that provide services for individuals with disabilities.

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4. The Council may include other representatives from centers for independent living; parents and guardians of individuals with disabilities; advocates of and for individuals with disabilities; representatives from private businesses; representatives from organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities; and other appropriate individuals. The Governor shall make the final selections and respective appointments.
5. In accordance with the language of the Act, each member of the council shall serve for a term of three years and no member of the council may serve more than two consecutive full terms. Terms of service of the members initially appointed shall be for such fewer number of years as will provide for the expiration of terms on a staggered basis.
6. Direct other state agencies and state sponsored organizations, with expertise in rehabilitation services for individuals with severe disabilities, to cooperate with Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in complying with the Act.
7. The Council shall be attached to the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Management Services for administration and support services. Further travel and other expenses of the Council, if any, shall be paid from grant funds received by the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

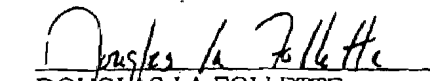


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have

hereto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this sixth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five.

  
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TOMMY G. THOMPSON

By the Governor:

  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State