



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 419
[2005 Assembly Bill 172]

**Rights of Adult Children of Crime
Victims**

Under current statutes relating to the rights of crime victims (ch. 950, Stats.), a family member of a victim has the same rights as the victim if the victim is physically or emotionally unable to exercise his or her statutory or constitutional rights as a victim or if the victim is deceased. “Family member” is defined as a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or legal guardian. “Child” is defined as a person who is less than 18 years of age.

Act 419 adds adult children to the definition of “family member.”

Effective Date: Act 419 takes effect on June 3, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.