



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2015 Assembly Bill 249**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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### **2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 249**

Under current law, a person may not act as or advertise for the provision of services as an ambulance service provider unless that person is licensed by the Department of Health Services (DHS).

Under the bill, an ambulance service provider that is licensed in another state may make 10 or fewer patient transports per year that originate and terminate in Wisconsin, without being licensed in Wisconsin.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Under current law, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and first responders practicing in Wisconsin must be licensed or certified by DHS. DHS may issue a license or certificate as an EMT, or a certificate as a first responder, to any individual who holds a current license or certificate from another jurisdiction if DHS finds that the standards for licensing or issuing certificates in the other jurisdiction are at least substantially equivalent to those in Wisconsin, and that the applicant is otherwise qualified.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that an EMT licensed in or holding a training permit in another state who is involved in 10 or fewer patient transports per year that originate and terminate within Wisconsin is not required to hold a Wisconsin EMT license or training permit. Likewise, the amendment provides that a first responder certified in another state who provides emergency medical care to 10 or fewer patients per year within Wisconsin is not required to hold a Wisconsin first responder certificate.

**BILL HISTORY**

2015 Assembly Bill 249 was introduced on May 27, 2015, by Representative Novak; co-sponsored by Senator Marklein. On June 1, 2015, Representative Novak offered Assembly Amendment 1.

On June 3, 2015, the Assembly Committee on Health voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill, as amended, on successive votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 3.

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