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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Assembly Bill 537**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

### **2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 537**

2021 Assembly Bill 537 enters Wisconsin into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, and includes three primary aspects affecting the practice of psychology. First, the bill creates a process to allow a psychologist and patient who are located in different compact states to participate in telehealth services, under an authorization to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology. Second, the bill creates a process to allow a psychologist to provide face-to-face psychological services in a compact state for up to 30 days, under a temporary authorization to practice. Third, the bill creates processes for information sharing and enforcement actions between compact states, for improved oversight of the profession. The bill does not change the general requirements and processes to obtain a license to practice psychology in Wisconsin.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 makes technical revisions to the bill to match the provisions of the companion bill, 2021 Senate Bill 534, as introduced. These include corrections to properly reference an authorization to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology and a temporary authorization to practice, and to add cross-references that subject a person to Wisconsin's disciplinary proceedings.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Tittl introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on January 11, 2022. On January 12, 2022, the Assembly Committee on Health recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

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