



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 593

November 11, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives WASSERMAN, SYKORA, F. LASEE, M. LEHMAN, SCHAFER, WILLIAMS, R. YOUNG, L. YOUNG, AINSWORTH and HANSON, cosponsored by Senator BURKE. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT to create** 146.49 of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting the use of
2 certain latex products by health care providers and granting rule-making
3 authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Beginning November 1, 1998, this bill prohibits certain health care providers from using a latex product that is coated with a preparation of fine particles of talc or other mineral or cornstarch. (The health care providers are licensed nurses, chiropractors, dentists, physicians, podiatrists, physical therapists, optometrists and pharmacists and certified occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, dietitians and acupuncturists.) The bill also prohibits the health care providers from using a latex product that contains protein if the amount of protein exceeds the permitted maximum levels of protein in latex products that are established by rule by the department of health and family services (DHFS). DHFS is required, under the bill, to promulgate rules that establish these maximum levels for latex products that are used by health care providers.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 146.49 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **146.49 Use of latex products by health care providers.** (1) In this section,
6 “health care provider” has the meaning given in s. 146.81 (1) (intro.) and (a) to (g).

