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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 84TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

DATE: March 4, 2014
RE: **Testimony on 2013 Assembly Bill 775**
TO: The Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations
FROM: Representative Mike Kuglitsch

Thank you Chairman Weininger and committee members for calling a public hearing on Assembly Bill 775.

This legislation codifies important DHS administrative code into statute and allows for health service staff to designate another person to administer medications at a camp that lasts longer than three days. The bill defines health service staff as:

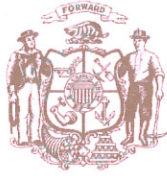
- A physician
- A nurse
- An athletic trainer
- An emergency medical technician
- A person who is certified as completing the American Red Cross emergency response course or an equivalent course.

With regards to the Boy Scouts of America, many times the person designated to give medication are the Scout Leaders than have more interaction than any health service staff at a camp. This ensures that the camper is still getting the medication, but removes the process of going to the health service staff.

Senate Bill 553 is a companion to this legislation and has passed unanimously in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. The bill also passed via a voice vote on the Senate Floor on February 18. I hope to see similar support of this legislation in our house moving forward.

The Boy Scouts will be testifying after me to discuss how they and other organizations will benefit from this legislation.

Thank you.



Mary Lazich

State Senator - Senate District 28

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Greetings and thank you Chair Weininger and committee members for your attention. Assembly Bill 775 (AB 775) incorporates existing Department of Health Services (DHS) administrative code into statute and makes medication administration in a camp setting easier.

Under current administrative code, the administration of medications at a camp are regulated. This legislation codifies existing administrative code with one exception. The legislation allows a qualified health services staff to designate another person to administer medications at a camp that lasts longer than three days.

AB 775 is needed due to concerns raised by scout leaders about the burdensome nature of restricting medication administration to qualified health services staff. On longer outings, the extra trips to the health services staff is problematic. The legislation gives the option of allowing health services staff to designate an individual, approved by the health services staff, to administer medications during longer camping trips. In many settings, the local scout leaders are more familiar with the minors than the camp health services staff. By giving the option to the health services staff to designate a scout leader to administer medications, the camping experience can be made easier while making sure medication is handled properly.

Thank you for your attention to AB 775.