



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 70.05 (4n) of the statutes; **relating to:** the notice by an
2 assessor to enter a residence (suggested as remedial legislation by the
3 Department of Revenue).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires that an assessor, when requesting to view the interior of a residence, provide a written notice to the property owner that informs the owner of his or her right to refuse entry. This bill replaces the term “notice” with the term “information.”

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Revenue and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

4 **SECTION 1.** 70.05 (4n) of the statutes is amended to read:

BILL**SECTION 1**

1 70.05 (4n) If a taxation district assessor is requesting to view the interior of a
2 residence, the assessor shall provide written ~~notice~~ information to the property
3 owner of the property owner's rights regarding the inspection of the interior of the
4 owner's residence. The ~~notice~~ information shall be in substantially the following
5 form:

6 **PROPERTY OWNER RIGHTS**

7 You have the right to refuse entry into your residence pursuant to section 70.05
8 (4m) of the Wisconsin statutes. Entry to view your property is prohibited unless
9 voluntarily authorized by you. Pursuant to section 70.05 (4m) of the Wisconsin
10 statutes, you have the right to refuse a visual inspection of the interior of your
11 residence and your refusal to allow an interior inspection of your residence will not
12 be used as the sole reason for increasing your property tax assessment. Refusing
13 entry to your residence also does not prohibit you from objecting to your assessment
14 pursuant to section 70.47 (7) of the Wisconsin statutes. Please indicate your consent
15 or refusal to allow an interior visual inspection of your residence.

NOTE: This SECTION requires an assessor to provide written "information," rather than written "notice," to a property owner of the owner's rights regarding the inspection of the interior of the owner's residence.

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