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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Senate Bill 688**

**Senate  
Amendments 1 and 2**

### 2021 SENATE BILL 688

2021 Senate Bill 688 allows a person who has served as an Army medic, Navy or Coast Guard corpsman, or Air Force aerospace medical technician to perform certain skilled health services, with supervision, at an inpatient or outpatient health care facility while in the process of obtaining a health care credential.

The person must enter into a memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) with the employer. The MOU must specify the person’s scope of practice, and the employer must retain all supervision and responsibility for the care of patients. A physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, registered professional nurse, or advanced practice nurse prescriber must supervise the person.

The person must submit a reasonable timeline to the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) for obtaining the credential, describing the specific actions that will be taken to obtain it. Credentials can be obtained as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, physician, podiatrist, or physician assistant.

### SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 authorizes DSPS to promulgate any rules necessary for the administration of this program. The amendment also authorizes DSPS to promulgate emergency rules without a finding of an emergency and allows the emergency rules to remain in effect through December 1, 2023, or the date on which permanent rules are promulgated, whichever is sooner. The amendment similarly authorizes the Medical Examining Board to promulgate emergency rules in the same manner to establish minimum standards for military medical personnel participating in the program. The amendment delays the bill’s effective date until September 1, 2022, except for the provisions authorizing DSPS and the Medical Examining Board to promulgate emergency rules, which take effect the day after publication.

### SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 allows community-based residential facilities and residential care apartment complexes to participate in the program, in addition to the inpatient and outpatient health care facilities already included in the bill.

### BILL HISTORY

Senator Jacque offered Senate Amendment 1 on January 11, 2022 and Senate Amendment 2 on January 20, 2022. On January 20, 2022, the Senate Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and Constitution and Federalism voted unanimously to recommend adoption of both amendments and passage of Senate Bill 688, as amended.

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