



1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32

March 28, 2000 – Introduced by Representative VRAKAS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** urging Congress to pass legislation to require federal executive
2 agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a
3 state under a grant program administered by the federal agency if another
4 state has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under that
5 program.

6 Whereas, from 1997 to August 1999, Wisconsin applied for 70 waivers from
7 federal agencies; and

8 Whereas, these waivers were not because Wisconsin couldn't or wouldn't meet
9 federal policy objectives, but because, like so many states, Wisconsin wanted to try
10 new innovative approaches to meeting long-standing policy challenges; and

11 Whereas, each waiver application requires extensive efforts and costs, and the
12 response and processing time from the federal agencies adds the burdens of
13 uncertainty and suspended state policymaking; and

14 Whereas, the difficulty, cost and delays of obtaining a federal waiver discourage
15 states from trying to meet their residents' needs in innovative ways; and

1 Whereas, 2 of Wisconsin’s members of Congress, Representatives Green and
2 Ryan, have introduced H.R. 2376 to require federal executive agencies to establish
3 expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a state under a grant program
4 administered by the federal agency if another state has already been granted a
5 similar waiver by the agency under that program; and

6 Whereas, the bill will allow each state to take advantage of the creative
7 policymaking of other states and encourage creativity and innovation; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the assembly of the state of Wisconsin hereby
10 urges Congress to pass legislation to require federal executive agencies to establish
11 expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a state under a grant program
12 administered by the federal agency if another state has already been granted a
13 similar waiver by the agency under that program; and, be it further

14 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
15 to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S.
16 house of representatives and to each member of the congressional delegation from
17 this state attesting the adoption of this resolution by the 1999 assembly of the state
18 of Wisconsin.