2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 856

February 26, 2002 – Introduced by Representatives SERATTI, AINSWORTH, BOYLE and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senator HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Aging and Long–Term Care.

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1 AN ACT *to amend* 150.31 (7); and *to create* 150.31 (6m) of the statutes; **relating**

2 **to:** increasing the statewide nursing home bed limit in an instance in which

3 current nursing home licensed beds are transferred.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law specifies a maximum number of licensed nursing home beds approvable statewide. However, the department of health and family services (DHFS) is authorized to adjust these limits in specific instances, including to permit the permanent and complete closure of a hospital and its partial conversion to a nursing home.

This bill requires DHFS to increase the statewide nursing home bed limit by the number of approved beds of a nursing home whose owner transfers the beds to another location, if the transfer results in the loss of a nursing home within 15 miles of a city with a specified population in a county with a specified population.

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. 150.31 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

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1   150.31 **(6m)** The department shall increase the statewide bed limit specified

2   in sub. (1) by the number of approved beds of a nursing home whose owner transfers

3   the beds to another location if the transfer results in the loss of a nursing home within

4   15 miles of a city with a population of 4,474 in 1990 in a county with a population of

5   30,236 in 1990.

6   S<small>ECTION</small> **2.** 150.31 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

7   150.31 **(7)** The department may not approve or license any additional nursing

8   home beds if the addition of those beds would exceed the limits established under

9   subs. (1) to (6) (6m).

10   **(END)**