

**SENATE HEARING SLIP**

(Please Print Plainly)

DATE: 3/23/00

BILL NO. AB 187

OR

SUBJECT Length of Service

Awards

(NAME)

David Olson

(Street Address or Route Number)

2120 Fish Hatchery Rd

(City and Zip Code)

Madison, WI 53213

(Representing)

WI State Fire Chiefs

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:

but not speaking:

Registering Against:

but not speaking:

Speaking for information only; Neither for nor against:

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AWARDS

(NAME)

DAVID SCHLES

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City and Zip Code)

PO BOX 1614 EARLE RIVER WI

(Representing)

WI Fire Chiefs

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Awards Program

(NAME)

DAVID B. FULMER

(Street Address or Route Number)

591 WISCONSIN

(City and Zip Code)

EXETER, WI 53111

(Representing)

EXETER FIRE

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Awards Program

(NAME) Jeffrey P. Diehl, CFP

(Street Address or Route Number) 3962 N. Richmond St., Suite B

(City and Zip Code) Appleton, WI 54913

(Representing) Wisconsin Assn. of Insurance & Financial Professionals, & The Advisory Group, Inc.

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:

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SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME) Ben Huebs

(Street Address or Route Number) 2 E. MWAHA

(City and Zip Code) Madison 53703

(Representing) Independent Insurance Agents, Professional Insurance Agents, WI Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:

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SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME) MARK D. ZELER

(Street Address or Route Number) 2513 S. 14th ST

(City and Zip Code) SHEBOYGAN 53081

(Representing) Professional Fire Fighters of WI

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:

but not speaking:

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OR  
SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME) Pete Christianson

(Street Address or Route Number) 1 S. Pinckney Suite 600

(City and Zip Code) MSW WI 53701-2113

(Representing) Wis. State Fire Chiefs Assoc

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Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:

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OR  
SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME) Dale Zick

(Street Address or Route Number) 1716 63rd St

(City and Zip Code) SC WI 54203

(Representing) \_\_\_\_\_

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Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:

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DATE: 23 Mar 00

BILL NO. AB187

OR  
SUBJECT Volunteer

(NAME) Firefighter - EN1T  
Larry or Service  
Mike Fowler

(Street Address or Route Number) 16712 4th Rd

(City and Zip Code) Albany WI 53502

(Representing) 80th Assembly District

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:

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# Vote Record

## Senate - Committee on Labor

Date: 3-23-00  
 Moved by: Breske      Seconded by: Farrow  
 AB: 187      SB: \_\_\_\_\_      Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR: \_\_\_\_\_      SJR: \_\_\_\_\_      Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR: \_\_\_\_\_      SR: \_\_\_\_\_      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

A/S Amdt: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 A/S Sub Amdt: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Be recommended for:
- Passage
  - Introduction
  - Adoption
  - Rejection
  - Indefinite Postponement
  - Tabling
  - Concurrence
  - Nonconcurrence
  - Confirmation

Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
Sen. Jim Baumgart, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Russell Decker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Roger Breske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. David Zien	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Margaret Farrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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ROSS & STEVENS**<sub>SC.</sub>  
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TEL 608-831-2100

**Memo To:** Members of the Senate Committee on Labor.

**From:** Ron Kuehn on behalf of **Independent Insurance Agents (IIA), Professional Insurance Agents (PIA), and Wisconsin Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (WAIFA).**

**Re:** **AB 187**, relating to volunteer firefighter service award program. This is up for a committee hearing on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2000.

**Date:** Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2000.

IIA, PIA and WAIFA strongly support AB 187 which creates a volunteer firefighter service award program. This is a good bill that will help keep experienced firefighters in the system longer.

**Please support AB 187 with your "aye" vote in committee.**

**AB187**  
**Assembly**  
**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Joint committee on Finance**

Assembly Bill 187

Relating to: establishing a service award program for volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical technicians, creating a volunteer fire fighter and emergency medical technician service award board, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority and making appropriations.

By Representative Powers, Musser, Klusman, Gunderson, Gronemus, Kreibich, Duff, Huebsch, Handrick, Sykora, Porter, Schneider, Freese, Sherman, Miller, Hasenohrl, Ainsworth, Brandemuehl, Suder, Spillner, Owens, Ryba, Lassa, Johnsrud, Seratti, Boyle, Kestell, Hoven, Hebl, Nass, Albers, Petrowski, Ott, Olsen, Reynolds, Hutchison, Skindrud, Hahn, Rhoades, Hundertmark, Pettis; cosponsored by Senator Zien, Shibilski, Welch, Breske, Fitzgerald, Schultz, Drzewiecki, Rude, Moen, Darling, A. Lasee, Wirch, Roessler, Panzer, Baumgart, Lazich, Farrow.

February 25, 2000 Referred to joint committee on Finance.

March 2, 2000 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: (16) Representatives Gard, Porter, Foti, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huber, Riley, Senators Burke, Decker, Jauch, Moore, Shibilski, Plache, Cowles and Darling.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Decker, seconded by Representative Gard, that Assembly Amendment LRBA1591/1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (3) Senators Burke, Decker and Jauch.

Noes: (13) Representatives Gard, Porter, Foti, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huber, Riley, Senators Moore, Shibilski, Plache, Cowles and Darling.

Absent: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 13,  
Absent 0

Moved by Senator Cowles, seconded by Representative Gard, that Assembly Amendment a1576/1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (9) Representatives Gard, Foti, Albers, Duff, Ward, Huber, Riley, Senators Cowles and Darling.

Noes: (7) Representative Porter, Senators Burke, Decker,  
Jauch, Moore, Shibilski and Plache.  
Absent: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 7, Absent 0

Moved by Senator Burke, seconded by Representative Gard, that  
Assembly Amendment LRBA1508/1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1  
be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (16) Representatives Gard, Porter, Foti, Albers, Duff,  
Ward, Huber, Riley, Senators Burke, Decker, Jauch, Moore,  
Shibilski, Plache, Cowles and Darling.  
Noes: (0) None.  
Absent: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 16, Noes 0, Absent 0

Moved by Senator Burke, seconded by Representative Gard, that  
Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (16) Representatives Gard, Porter, Foti, Albers, Duff,  
Ward, Huber, Riley, Senators Burke, Decker, Jauch, Moore,  
Shibilski, Plache, Cowles and Darling.  
Noes: (0) None.  
Absent: (0) None.

ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 16, Noes 0, Absent 0

Moved by Senator Burke, seconded by Representative Gard, that  
Assembly Bill 187 be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (16) Representatives Gard, Porter, Foti, Albers, Duff,  
Ward, Huber, Riley, Senators Burke, Decker, Jauch, Moore,  
Shibilski, Plache, Cowles and Darling.  
Noes: (0) None.  
Absent: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 16, Noes 0, Absent 0

Diane Harmelink  
Committee Clerk



WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**MIKE POWERS**  
80TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Contact: State Representative Mike Powers

March 15, 2000  
(608) 266-1192

## **Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs Bill Gets Bipartisan Boost in Assembly**

**Democrats and Republicans Do What's Right for Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs**

(Madison)...State Representative Mike Powers (R-Albany) announced today that Assembly Bill 187: Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Length of Service Award (LOSA) passed the Assembly on an overwhelming 96-1 bipartisan vote.

Powers, a former volunteer with the Albany Fire Department, said, "well trained and skilled volunteers mean the difference between life and death in an emergency." Powers says the length of service award will help to retain trained, skilled volunteers through a unique state and local partnership.

State Senator Dave Zien, lead author in the Senate, said, "This is a voluntary tool. We hope that with some help from the state, local officials and volunteers will see this as a way to keep skilled volunteers working to serve their communities." While the average volunteer firefighter has 10 years of experience, over 40% have less than 5 years on the job.

Under the Length of Service Award proposal, local fire districts and emergency medical services could contribute up to \$250 per year for each firefighter or EMT. The money would be matched by the state and invested by a private financial firm. Volunteers would then be eligible for a partial award beginning at ten years of service to a full benefit after 20 years.

David Bloom, Chief of the Town of Madison Volunteer Fire Department and legislative liaison for the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association, said, "This bill will ensure that we have the quality emergency services available to our communities in the future. In addition, the urban emergency services will be assured that a well-staffed and trained force is available. Every citizen and visitor to our great State will benefit from its passage."

Senator Zien will now be in touch with the Senate leadership and is hoping for the same bipartisan support for the bill when it comes to the Senate floor for a vote.



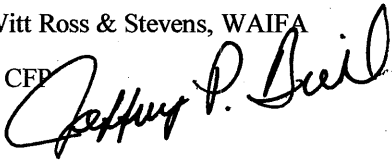




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# Memorandum

**To:** Chairperson Baumgart, Senators of the Labor Committee:  
**CC:** Ron Kuehn, DeWitt Ross & Stevens, WAIFA  
**From:** Jeffrey P. Diehl, CFP   
**Date:** 3/22/00  
**Re:** Testimony in favor of AB187

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My name is Jeff Diehl; I am a Certified Financial Planner and owner of The Advisory Group, Inc., a financial planning and employee benefit consulting firm in the Fox River Valley. Our firm specializes in the design and implementation of retirement plans for a broad spectrum of organizations, including business, non-profits and various units of local government. In addition, I currently serve as the State Legislation Chair for the Wisconsin Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors.

I recommend passage of the bill AB187 in the form amended by the State Assembly. As an industry, we have worked with Senator Zien and his staff to assure the residents of this state that this is good legislation. We recommend that this bill be passed without any further amendments. This bill provides those volunteer fire departments that are experiencing difficulty in the recruitment and retention of volunteers, a solution to their recruitment dilemma. Volunteer Fire Departments across this country and in this State have found the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) the real solution to their community needs for volunteer fire service and emergency medical service personnel. The LOSAP plan is the local communities most cost effective tool to protect the interests of their community and to preserve the most cost effective public safety service they provide, The Volunteer Fire and EMS Departments.

Passage of this bill is important to State of Wisconsin, the communities, the many volunteers, and to all the taxpayers who reside here, for public safety knows no price. Volunteer departments have a current dilemma that this bill will provide a solution for.

March 22, 2000

Waupaca Volunteer Fire Department Chief Leland Thompson wrote the following after their department adopted a LOSAP Plan; "We needed a plan to retain our current members, a plan that would provide our volunteers' families a form of death benefit in the event they would be killed on the job in addition to cover our members 24 hours a day. A plan that would provide a form of retirement benefit for their years of dedicated service. Since we have implemented our LOSAP plan, attendance at our meetings, and at fire calls have increased, and the attitude of our volunteers has greatly improved. We also have attracted individuals who now are interested in joining as a volunteer since we have adopted a plan!"

On behalf of WAIFA, I encourage you to pass this legislation.