

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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MONDAY, June 25, 2007

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND  
REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF  
APPOINTMENTS**

Read first time and referred:

**Senate Bill 220**

Relating to: determining the value of billboards for personal property tax purposes.

By Senators Plale, Breske, Hansen, Lazich and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Gunderson, Albers, Ballweg, Bies, Fields, Gronemus, Hixson, Honadel, Musser, Montgomery, Nass, Newcomer, A. Ott, Petrowski, Sheridan, Townsend and Vos.

To committee on **Commerce, Utilities and Rail**.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

The committee on **Senate Organization** reports:

**Senate Bill 209**

Relating to annual or consecutive month permits for vehicles or combinations of vehicles transporting loads near the Wisconsin–Michigan border.

Referred to the joint committee on **Finance** pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e).

Ayes, 5 – Senators Robson, Risser, Hansen, Fitzgerald, and Leibham.

Noes, 0 – None.

Withdrawn from joint committee on **Finance** and made available for scheduling, pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e).

Ayes, 5 – Senators Robson, Risser, Hansen, Fitzgerald, and Leibham.

Noes, 0 – None.

*JUDITH B. ROBSON*  
Chairperson

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health and Family Services**

June 22, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

Pursuant to Wis. Stats., s. 50.04(5)(fr), I am submitting the Department's annual report to the Legislature related to class A

violations committed by nursing homes, including facilities serving individuals with developmental disabilities, and forfeitures assessed on nursing homes for those violations.

As defined by Wis. Stat., s. 50.04(4)(3b), a class A violation is "... a violation of this subchapter or of the rules promulgated thereunder which creates a condition or occurrence relating to the operation and maintenance of a nursing home presenting a substantial probability that death or serious mental or physical harm to a resident will result . . . ."

The Department issued 43 class A violations in calendar year 2006. The enclosed report provides details on all class A violations, including the original forfeiture amount assessed and the status of payment.

With warm regards,  
*KEVIN R. HAYDEN*  
Secretary

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health and Family Services**

June 22, 2007

The Honorable, The Senate:

The Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) is submitting the attached State Annual Performance Report for the Birth to 3 Program to meet the requirement in s. 51.44 (5)(c) to report on the Department's progress on implementing the Birth to 3 Program. The enclosed report, which covers the federal fiscal year 2005, was provided to the federal government. The federal fiscal year (FFY) is defined as June 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 because this is a program managed by the U.S. Department of Education. Beginning in FFY 2005, the federal government requires all states to report according to new guidelines, which include federally-established program outcomes. The enclosed report is the first Annual Performance Report based on these new guidelines and will serve as baseline data for future reporting years.

The report highlights the very positive outcomes produced by the Birth to 3 Program. As intended, the vast majority, over 95%, of children are served in their homes (90%) or other settings for typically developing children such as child care centers. Parent satisfaction with the program remains high; in particular, parents report increased capacity to help their children develop and learn and to communicate their children's needs as a result of early intervention services.

Please contact Beth Wroblewski of my staff at 608-266-7469 if you have questions regarding this report.

With warm regards,  
*KEVIN R. HAYDEN*  
Secretary