Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Judiciary and Ethics

Assembly Bill 291

Relating to: claims for loss of society and companionship in medical malpractice cases.

By Representatives Richards, A. Williams, Kessler, Pope-Roberts, Sinicki, Mason, Toles, Cullen, Spanbauer, Roys, Berceau, Zepnick, Turner and Parisi; cosponsored by Senators Plale, Hansen and Coggs.

June 16, 2009 Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

July 14, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (9) Representatives Hebl, Colon, Kessler, Cullen, Richards, Gundrum, Kerkman, Kramer and Zipperer.

Absent: (1) Representative Turner.

Appearances For

- Jon Richards Representative, 19th Assembly District
- Robert Kraig, Milwaukee Citizen Action of Wisconsin
- Eric Rice, Middleton Dr., self
- Jane Spietz, Oshkosh self
- Harvey Gregory, Menasha self
- Diane Gregory, Menasha self
- Mark Thomsen, Madison WI Association for Justice

Appearances Against

- Mark Grapentine WI Medical Society
- Mark Larson, Cedarburg WI Defense Council

Appearances for Information Only

• None.

Registrations For

- Cale Battles, Madison State Bar of WI
- Josh Zepnick Representative, 9th Assembly District
- Jeff Plale Senator, 7th Senate District

Registrations Against

- Andy Franken, Madison Wisconsin Insurance Alliance
- Ryan Natzke WI Academy of Family Physicians

- Paul Merline, Madison WI Hospital Association
- Andrew Cook, Madison WI Civil Justice Council

Registrations for Information Only

• None.

September 9, 2009 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (10) Representatives Hebl, Colon, Kessler, Cullen,

Richards, Turner, Gundrum, Kerkman, Kramer,

Zipperer.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Richards, seconded by Representative Turner that **Assembly Bill 291** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (6) Representatives Hebl, Colon, Kessler,

Cullen, Richards and Turner.

Noes: (4) Representatives Gundrum, Kerkman, Kramer

and Zipperer.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 4

Traci Bussan Committee Clerk