## 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
- 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.
$\left.\begin{array}{lll}\text { Ayes: (6) } & \text { Representatives Hebl, Colon, Kessler, } \\ \text { Cullen, Richards and Turner. }\end{array}\right]$ Noes: (4) $\begin{aligned} & \text { Representatives Gundrum, Kerkman, Kramer } \\ & \text { and Zipperer. }\end{aligned}$
PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 4

Traci Bussan
Committee Clerk

