

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Labor

Assembly Bill 31

Relating to: authorizing the circuit court to order a person who engages in discrimination in employment to pay compensatory and punitive damages and a surcharge and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Sinicki, Jorgensen, Sheridan, Pocan, Nelson, Seidel, Colon, Parisi, Grigsby, Mason, Sherman, Shilling, Van Akkeren, Toles, Benedict, Soletski, Molepske Jr., Roys, Fields, Pasch, A. Williams, Young, Dexter, Richards, Hilgenberg, Pope-Roberts, Black, Garthwaite, Hixson, Berceau, Hintz, Smith, Turner, Vruwink, Cullen, Clark, Steinbrink, Schneider, Hubler and Zepnick; cosponsored by Senators Hansen, Robson, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Vinehout, Taylor and Erpenbach.

February 10, 2009 Referred to Committee on Labor.

April 8, 2009

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (8) Representatives Sinicki, Van Akkeren, Jorgensen, Parisi, Toles, Honadel, Nass and Knodl.

Absent: (1) Representative Soletski.

Appearances For

- Dave Hansen, Madison — Senator, 30th District, WI State Senate
- Christine Sinicki, Madison — Rep, 20th District, WI State Assembly
- Brenda Lewison, Madison — Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section, State Bar of WI

Appearances Against

- Jim Wenzler, Cudahy — Patrick Cudahy Inc.
- Bill G. Smith, Madison — National Federation of Independent Business
- Andrew Cook, Madison — WI Civil Justice Council
- Laurie Petersen, Milwaukee — Lindner & Marsack, S.C.
- John Metcalf, Madison — WI Manufacturing & Commerce
- Pete Hanson, Madison — WI Restaurant Assn

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- David Cullen, Madison — Rep, 13th District, Wisconsin State Assembly
- Judy Burnick, Germantown
- David Callender, Madison — WI Counties Assn
- Jill Malak, Madison
- David Nack, Madison — AFT Local 223

Registrations Against

- Kathy Kilgore, Madison — WI Assn of Campground Owners
- Trisha Pugal, Brookfield — WI Innkeepers Assn
- Amy Boyer, Madison — WI Assoc. of Convention & Visitors Bureaus
- Andrew Cook, Madison — WI Defense Council (fmrly Civil Trial Counsel of WI)
- Mary Ann Gerard, Madison — WI Auto & Truck Dealers Assn
- Gary Manke, Madison — Conference of Retail Assn
- Pat Stevens, Madison — WI Builders' Assn
- Dan Schwartzer, Madison — Independent Business Assn of WI
- Roberta Wenzler, Arena
- David Storey, Madison — WI Retail Council

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 16, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (8) Representatives Sinicki, Van Akkeren, Jorgensen, Parisi, Toles, Honadel, Nass and Knodl.

Absent: (1) Representative Soletski.

Moved by Representative Jorgensen, seconded by Representative Van Akkeren that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Sinicki, Van Akkeren, Jorgensen, Parisi and Toles.

Noes: (3) Representatives Honadel, Nass and Knodl.

Absent: (1) Representative Soletski.

**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 3**

Moved by Representative Van Akkeren, seconded by Representative Parisi that **Assembly Bill 31** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Sinicki, Van Akkeren,
Jorgensen, Parisi and Toles.

Noes: (3) Representatives Honadel, Nass and Knodl.

Absent: (1) Representative Soletski.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 3

Mary Beth George
Committee Clerk