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AN ACT to renumber 247.08; and to create 247.08 (2) of the statutes, authorizing actions by county welfare officials to require support for a spouse or children who are receiving public aid.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 247.08 of the statutes is renumbered 247.08 (1).

SECTION 2. 247.08 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

247.08 (2) If the state or any subdivision thereof furnishes public aid to a spouse or dependent children for support and maintenance and such spouse fails or refuses to institute an appropriate court action under this chapter to provide for the same, the person in charge of county welfare activities shall have the same right as the individual spouse to initiate an action pursuant to this section, for the purpose of securing reimbursement for support and maintenance furnished and of obtaining continued

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support and maintenance. The title of the action shall be substantially in the following form:

A.B. (welfare official), on behalf of

C.D. (spouse)

E.F. (other spouse)

In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, counsel employed by the department of public welfare shall represent the director thereof in any such action and may petition the court to be appointed as guardian ad litem for any minor or incompetent children.