

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

## 2015 Wisconsin Act 269 [2015 Assembly Bill 660]

## Guidelines for Prescribing Controlled Substances

2015 Wisconsin Act 269 (the Act) allows the Medical Examining Board (MEB), the Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board, the Board of Nursing, the Dentistry Examining Board, and the Optometry Examining Board to each issue guidelines regarding best practices in prescribing controlled substances for persons credentialed by that board who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances.

The MEB is required to examine all applicants for medical licenses. Prior law required the MEB to use only examinations prepared, administered, and scored by national examining agencies. The Act eliminates that restriction.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <u>http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov</u>.