

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 441

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1

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Current law prohibits persons from smoking in the immediate vicinity of the State Capitol. The term "immediate vicinity of the State Capitol" is defined as the area directly adjacent to the State Capitol building, as determined by rule of the Department of Administration, but does not include any location that is more than one fathom (six feet) from the State Capitol building.

Assembly Bill 441 modifies the definition of "immediate vicinity of the State Capitol" to mean any location within 25 feet of the State Capitol building. The bill deletes references in current law to rules of the Department of Administration.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 repeals the current definition of "immediate vicinity of the State Capitol" and instead defines the term "State Capitol grounds". The term "State Capitol grounds" is defined as the area between the exterior of the State Capitol building and the Capitol side of each sidewalk that runs along the Capitol side of one of the four streets surrounding the State Capitol park. However, the term does not include those sidewalks. The substitute amendment modifies the prohibition on smoking in the immediate vicinity of the State Capitol to instead apply to the State Capitol grounds, as defined.

Legislative History

On October 8, 2003, the Assembly Committee on Public Health introduced and recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, and recommended passage of the bill as amended, by votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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