



2005 SENATE BILL 368

October 6, 2005 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, LASSA, ERPENBACH, MILLER and PLALE, cosponsored by Representatives WASSERMAN, BOYLE, BLACK, POCAN, TRAVIS, CULLEN, ALBERS, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, F. LASEE, SHERIDAN, PARISI, SEIDEL, POPE-ROBERTS, SHILLING, PETTIS and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 253.15 of the statutes; **relating to:** permitting a mother to
2 breast-feed in any public or private location where she is otherwise authorized
3 to be.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, there are various prohibitions against lewd behavior or sexual gratification in public. Those prohibitions, however, do not apply to a mother's breast-feeding of her child. This bill permits a mother to breast-feed her child in any public or private location where she is otherwise authorized to be and prohibits any person from interfering with the right of a mother to breast-feed her child as provided in the bill. Because no penalty is expressed in the bill for interfering with that right, a person who interferes with that right is subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$200 under the general penalty provision under current law.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 253.15 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **253.15 Right to breast-feed.** A mother may breast-feed her child in any
6 public or private location where the mother is otherwise authorized to be. No person

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SECTION 1

1 may interfere with the right of a mother to breast-feed her child as provided in this
2 section.

3 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) RIGHT TO BREAST-FEED. This act first applies to acts occurring on the effective
5 date of this subsection.

6 (END)