



## 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 787

March 2, 2010 - Introduced by Representatives BARCA, PASCH, ZIGMUNT, TURNER, HRAYCHUCK, A. WILLIAMS and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators VINEHOUT and LEHMAN. Referred to Committee on Insurance.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 15.06 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** the term of office of  
2     the commissioner of insurance.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the commissioner of insurance is nominated by the governor and appointed with the advice and consent of the senate. The commissioner does not have a fixed term of office, but instead serves at the pleasure of the governor. This bill provides that the commissioner must be appointed for a four-year term of office. Under the bill, the governor still nominates and the senate still appoints the commissioner, but the commissioner no longer serves at the pleasure of the governor.

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 15.06 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     15.06 (1) (b) The commissioner of insurance shall be nominated by the  
5     governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, ~~to serve at the~~  
6     ~~pleasure of the governor. The governor may remove from office the commissioner of~~  
7     ~~insurance who was appointed for a fixed term before August 1, 1987 for a 4-year term~~  
8     expiring on March 1 of an odd-numbered year.

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1           **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2           (1) INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE. Notwithstanding  
3 the length of term of office for the commissioner of insurance under section 15.06 (1)  
4 (b) of the statutes, as affected by this act, the term of office for the commissioner of  
5 insurance first appointed after the effective date of this subsection shall expire on  
6 March 1, 2013.

7   **(END)**