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2009 SENATE BILL 494

January 25, 2010 - Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation.

AN ACT to amend 46.283 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes; relating to: allowing nonprofit corporations to operate an aging and disability resource center (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Health Services).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, an aging and disability resource center provides services to certain elderly and disabled individuals, including information and referral services related to long-term care and eligibility screening for the Family Care Program benefit. A county department or an aging unit that is either an agency of county or tribal government or a unit within a county department may apply to the Department of Health Services to operate an aging and disability resource center. This bill allows aging units that are private, nonprofit corporations to apply to operate an aging and disability resource center.

For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

Law Revision Committee Prefatory Note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Health Services and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this

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bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

- **Section 1.** 46.283 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 46.283 (1) (a) 1. Whether to authorize one or more county departments under
- 3 s. 46.21, 46.215, 46.22 or 46.23 or an aging unit under s. 46.82 (1) (a) 1. or, 2., or 3.
- 4 to apply to the department for a contract to operate a resource center and, if so, which
- 5 to authorize and what client group to serve.

Note: Under current law, s. 46.82, stats., allows a private, nonprofit corporation to be one of the three types of entities to be an aging unit. Section 46.283 (1) (a) 1., stats., allows counties to authorize county departments or government–operated aging units to apply to be an aging and disability resource center under the family care program. This Section amends s. 46.283 (1) (a) 1. to permit a county to authorize an aging unit that is a private, nonprofit corporation to be an aging and disability resource center.

6 (END)