



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 483

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 483 makes a number of changes in the laws dealing with public health. Among the changes made by the bill are amending the definition of “human health hazard,” modifying the statutes regarding local health officers’ powers with respect to human health hazards, and allowing counties and municipalities with local health departments to enact ordinances concerning abatement or removal of human health hazards.

Assembly Amendment 1 removes from the bill the provisions relating to local health officers’ authority with regard to human health hazards, thereby retaining current law on the issue. However, the amendment retains the provisions of the bill that amend the definition of “human health hazard” and allow counties and municipalities with local health departments to enact ordinances concerning abatement or removal of human health hazards.

In addition, the amendment modifies the section of the statutes that relates to issuance of special inspection warrants--s. 66.0119, Stats. Under current law, a peace officer may apply for, obtain, and execute a special inspection warrant for inspection purposes. That section of the statutes states that a special inspection warrant is not required in cases of emergency. The term “peace officer” in current law is drafted in such a manner that it might include local health officers or their designees. The amendment modifies the current definition of “peace officer” in s. 66.0119, Stats., to specifically include local health officers or their designees.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Public Health recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0.

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