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Society Lobbying Efforts: 2007-2008 Legislative Session Update

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SENATE BILLS 2007-2008

Bill Number	Society Position	Date Entered	Bill Name
SR 3	Support	2/12/07	Encourages Public and Private Employers to Establish and Promote Healthful Lifestyle Programs and Economic Incentives
SJR 24	Support	3/12/07	Creation of State Funds and Accounts, Prohibiting State From Changing the Purpose of the Fund/ Program Revenue
SJR 57	Tracking	8/2/07	Advisory Referendum for Prescription Drug Assistance for Elderly Persons (SeniorCare) past December 30, 2009.
SB 16 AB 45	Support	1/26/07	Personal Floatation Devices For Underage Persons <i>Requires personal floatation devices for certain underage persons in certain boats.</i>
SB 18 AB 47	Tracking	1/30/07	Income Tax Credit for Health Saving Accounts
SB 30 AB 104	Support	2/9/07	Permitting a Mother to Breast-Feed In A Public or Private Location
SB 48	Neutral	2/19/07	Expanding Types of Volunteer Health Providers to Include Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians.
SB 51 AB 94	Tracking	2/20/07	Establishing a Publicly Financed Health Care System for Wisconsin Residents, Creating Dept. of Health Planning and Finance, Health Policy Board, Regional Consumer Health Councils
SB 62	Tracking	2/21/07	Creating an Option To Make An Anatomical Gift as Part of Living Will; Eliminating the Designation of Specific Physician to Perform Transplantation
SB 71 AB 150	Support	12/07/2007	Substitutions by pharmacists dispensing epilepsy drugs
SB 88 AB 133	Neutral	2/26/07	Requiring Health Insurance Coverage of Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants for Infants and Young Children
SB 114 AB 213	Neutral	3/27/07	Long-Term Care Partnership <i>Requires DHFS to submit an amendment to the state's MA plan. If accepted, DHFS would, for MA eligibility and estate recovery, disregard amount of qualifying long-term care insurance payments made to an individual.</i>
SB 117 AB 237	Tracking	3/28/07	Sales Tax on Soft Drinks <i>Imposes sales tax on soft drinks, creates a dental access trust fund and grants for public and dental health.</i>
SB 118	Neutral	3/28/07	Advertising on Prescription Drugs
SB 126 AB 247	Neutral	4/3/07	Notification of the State Regarding a Medical Malpractice Claim
SB 129	Tracking	4/3/07	Requiring a Hospital to Provide A Sexual Assault Victim Information And Emergency Contraception
SB 138	Against	4/11/07	Claims of Loss of Society and Companionship in Medical Malpractice Cases
SB 142 AB 262	Support	4/11/07	Requirements for Training on Automated External Defibrillators
SB 144	Tracking	4/13/07	Medical Assistance Eligibility
SB 147	Tracking	4/13/07	Disease Management and Health Risk Assessments

SB 150	Support	4/18/07	Prohibits Smoking in Most Public Indoor Areas
SB 151 AB 298	Against	4/19/07	Prescribing Medication To End An Individual's Life
SB 153	Tracking	4/19/07	Involuntary Administration of Psychotropic Medication
SB 154	Support	4/19/07	Health Insurance Coverage of A Full Time Student on Medical Leave
SB 156 AB 240	Support	4/19/07	Anatomical Gifts <i>Prohibits certain individuals from refusing a donor.</i>
SB 175 AB 325	Support	5/3/07	Needle Electromyography <i>Expands licensure requirement to perform needle electromyography by qualified, educated persons and/or under the direct supervision of a physician.</i>
SB 178	Support	5/9/07	Health Insurance Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders
SB 183	Tracking	5/14/07	Percentages of Group Health Insurance Plan Costs Paid By Employers of BadgerCare Health Care Program Recipients
SB 190	Support	5/21/07	Prohibits the Transfer of Monies from the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund for Unintended Purposes.
SB 205	Neutral	6/6/07	Sales and Use Tax Exemptions on Nonprescription Drugs
SB 206	Neutral	6/6/07	Providing Health Savings Account Option Under HIRSP
SB 232 AB 467	Tracking	7/12/07	Pharmacists Dispensing Contraceptives <i>Requires pharmacists licensed in the state to dispense a valid prescription for any contraceptive, unless the prescription is contraindicated for a particular patient. Defines "abortion" to exclude any form of contraceptive.</i>
SB 233 AB 461	Support	7/13/07	Vehicles Transporting Human Organs
SB 240	Support	7/18/07	Restrictions on Operation of Motor Vehicles By Persons Holding Instruction Permits or Probationary Licenses
SB 246 AB 463	Tracking	7/25/07	Mental Health Professionals Providing Outpatient Services <i>who, under Medical Assistance, may provide therapy and abuse services, exempting certain Medical Assistance benefits from physician prescription requirements.</i>
SB 252	Support	8/16/07	HPV Vaccine Education <i>Providing information on HPV to schools and to parents of pupils in grades 6-12.</i>

Assembly Bills 2007-2008

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AJR 34	Support	3/19/07	Creation of State Funds and Accounts, Prohibiting State From Changing the Purpose of the Fund/ Program Revenue
AJR 37	Support	3/27/07	Contributions of the Free Health Clinics in Wisconsin
AJR 41	Support	4/11/07	Declared April 2007 Donate Life Month
AB 12	Tracking	1/12/07	Gifts from Drug Manufacturers/Distributors <i>Regulates gifts from drug manufacturers/ distributors to practitioners for prescribing specific medications.</i>
AB 16	Tracking	1/12/07	Health Insurance Policies For Orphan Drugs <i>Requires insurance companies to cover orphan drugs and grants rule making authority.</i>

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AB 24	Tracking	1/24/07	Calculating Farm/Self Employment Income Under Medical Assistance and BadgerCare
AB 37	Tracking	1/30/07	Administration By A Dentist of Oral Medication To Induce Conscious Sedation
AB 45 SB 16	Support	1/30/07	Personal Floatation Devices For Underage Persons: Requires personal floatation devices for certain underage persons in certain boats.
AB 47 SB 18	Tracking	1/30/07	Income Tax Credit for Health Saving Accounts (Companion bill is SB 18)
AB 53	Support	1/30/07	"I'm Sorry" Legislation <i>Inadmissibility of a statement of apology or condolence by a health care provider.</i>
AB 71	Support	2/13/07	Health Care Facility Charges: <i>Health care facility charges identified separately on bills.</i>
AB 90	Support	2/22/07	Loan Program for Medical Students Who Agree To Practice Medicine In Shortage Areas
AB 94 SB 51	Tracking	2/22/07	Establishing a Publicly Financed Health Care System for Wisconsin Residents, Creating Dept. of Health Planning and Finance, Health Policy Board, Regional Consumer Health Councils
AB 104 SB 30	Support	2/22/07	Permitting a Mother to Breast-Feed In A Public or Private Location
AB 111	Support	2/22/07	Income Tax Credits for Electronic Medical Records or Bonds/Notes Issued By the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority
AB 113	Support	2/22/07	Enforcement of Motor Vehicle Safety Belt Violations and Providing Penalty
AB 121	Neutral	2/22/07	Evidence of Lay and Expert Witnesses
AB 125	Neutral	3/05/07	Purchase of Health Care Coverage Through the Group Insurance Board by Individuals Engaged In Farming
AB 133 SB 88	Tracking	3/05/07	Requiring Health Insurance Coverage of Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants for Infants and Young Children
AB 150 SB 71	Support	12/07/2007	Substitutions by pharmacists dispensing epilepsy drugs.
AB 173	Neutral	3/12/07	Council on Mental Health Membership
AB 179	Tracking	3/19/07	Health Insurance Coverage For Wigs For Cancer Patients
AB 185	Tracking	3/19/07	Birth Defect Prevention and Surveillance System
AB 213	Neutral	3/27/07	Long-Term Care Partnership Program <i>Requires DHFS to submit an amendment to the state's MA plan. If accepted, DHFS would, for MA eligibility and estate recovery, disregard amount of qualifying long-term care insurance payments made to an individual.</i>
AB 224	Tracking	3/27/07	Liability Immunity <i>Provides immunity from liability for any health care provider, health care facility, or employee of a health care provider that acts in good faith.</i>

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AB 235	Support	4/10/07	Income and Franchise Tax Credits for Workplace Wellness Programs
AB 237 SB 117	Tracking	4/10/07	Sales Tax on Soft Drinks <i>Imposes sales tax on soft drinks, creates a dental access trust fund and grants for public and dental health.</i>
AB 240	Tracking	4/10/07	Anatomical Gifts <i>Prohibits certain individuals from refusing a donor.</i>
AB 247 SB 126	Neutral	4/10/07	Notification of the State Regarding a Medical Malpractice Claim
AB 258	Support	4/10/07	Permitting An Employer To Offer Financial Incentives to Encourage or Discourage Employee Use of A Lawful Product
AB 262 SB 142	Support	4/13/07	Requirements for Training on Automated External Defibrillators
AB 263	Support	4/13/07	Volunteer Health Care Provider Program <i>State agency coverage under the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program regardless of insurance coverage.</i>
AB 264	Support	4/13/07	Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund <i>Prohibits the transfer of monies from the IPFCF.</i>
AB 279	Tracking	4/23/07	Protective Placements and Protective Services; Involuntary Administration of Psychotropic Medication
AB 280	Support	4/23/07	Health Insurance Coverage For A Full-Time Student on Medical Leave
AB 298 SB 151	Against	4/30/07	Prescribing Medication To End An Individual's Life
AB 318	Support	5/8/07	Prescriptions for Antibiotics for Treatment of Chlamydial Infections, Gonorrhea, Trichomoniasis
AB 325	Support	5/14/07	Needle Electromyography <i>Expands licensure requirement to perform needle electromyography by qualified, educated persons and/or under the direct supervision of a physician.</i>
AB 356	Support	5/29/07	Living Will/Power of Attorney Information on Drivers Licenses
AB 385	Tracking	6/7/07	Deadlines for Payment Provider Claims Under Medical Assistance and BadgerCare programs and prescription drug assistance program for elderly persons.
AB 392	Neutral	6/7/07	Covering Certain Private Sector Employers and Employees Under Health Care Coverage Plan For State and its Employees.
AB 394 SB 206	Neutral	6/14/07	Providing Health Savings Account Option Under HIRSP
AB 413	Tracking	6/21/07	Temporary Certificates to Practice Respiratory Care
AB 417	Support	6/21/07	Health Insurance Coverage of Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorders
AB 419	Tracking	6/21/07	Prohibits Insurers From Denying Coverage Under Group/Individual Health Benefit Plan on the Basis of A Preexisting Condition.
AB 427	Tracking	6/21/07	Voluntary and Informed Consent To An Abortion and Requiring Provision of Information on Domestic Abuse Services.

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AB 440	Neutral	7/3/07	Loan Program for Pharmacy Students Who Will Continue to Practice in Wisconsin After Graduation
AB 442	Support	7/3/07	Special License Plates for Donate Life Wisconsin
AB 445	Tracking	7/3/07	HIRSP
AB 461 SB 233	Support	7/19/07	Vehicles Transporting Human Organs
AB 463	Tracking	7/19/07	Mental Health Professionals Providing Outpatient Services <i>who, under Medical Assistance, may provide therapy and abuse services, exempting certain Medical Assistance benefits from physician prescription requirements.</i>
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AB 492 SB 252	Support	8/28/07	Providing Information on Human Papillomavirus to Schools and to Parents of Pupils in Grades 6-12.
AB 493	Tracking	8/28/07	Care and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease or Related Dementia in Residential Care Facilities
AB497	Against	12/07/2007	Allowing certified advanced practice nurse prescribers to determine an illness or injury and complete forms for the purpose of granting assistance to needy veterans and of medical review related to motor vehicle operator's licenses, and allowing certified advanced practice nurse prescribers to determine disability for the purpose of issuing certain hunting permits.
AB 545	Tracking	12/07/2007	The Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board.
AB 570	Support	12/07/2007	Anatomical gifts, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty. (FE)
AB 610	Tracking	12/07/2007	Replacing the term hearing aid with hearing instrument, creating new grounds for discipline of hearing instrument specialists, audiologists, and speech-language pathologists, changing the definition of audiology, and changing licensing requirements for audiologists, and granting rule-making authority. (FE)