

CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

To: All Legislators

From: Senator Jesse James and Representative Barbara Dittrich

Date: May 2nd, 2025

RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB 2032/1 and 1385/1, **relating to:** the membership of the Controlled Substances Board.

Deadline: **Thursday, May 15th at 4 PM**

This legislation seeks to add a Physician Assistant to the Controlled Substances Board.

Physician Assistants are highly trained medical professionals who play a vital role in providing high-quality, team-based care across Wisconsin. As prescribers and frontline providers, they are integral to addressing the safe use of controlled substances and combating the opioid epidemic. However, under current law, PAs do not have representation on the Controlled Substances Board, the body responsible for regulating controlled substances and overseeing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

This bill ensures that the PA profession is represented by adding the chairperson of the Physician Assistant Affiliated Credentialing Board to the Controlled Substances Board. This update will strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration, enhance public health efforts, and ensure the Board benefits from the perspective of all major prescribing professions.

We hope you will join us in supporting this important and commonsense update to the composition of the Controlled Substances Board.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please respond to this email or contact Senator James' office at 6-7511 or Representative Dittrich's office at 9199 by **Thursday, May 15th at 4 PM**. All co-sponsors will be added to both versions of the bill unless otherwise specified.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Controlled Substances Board, which performs various functions with regards to the scheduling and regulation of controlled substances and the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, consists of nine members, including the chairpersons of the Pharmacy Examining Board, the Medical Examining Board, the

Dentistry Examining Board, and the Board of Nursing. This bill adds the chairperson of the Physician Assistant Affiliated Credentialing Board to the membership of the board.