



## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 483

November 5, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives JARCHOW, ALLEN, KLEEFISCH, KNODL and ROHRKASTE, cosponsored by Senator HARSDF. Referred to Committee on Health.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 440.88 (1) (am) and 440.88 (3) (a) 7.; and *to amend* 440.88 (4)  
2           of the statutes; **relating to:** prevention specialist-in-training certification.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) designates and certifies substance abuse counselors, clinical supervisors, and prevention specialists. DPS also certifies prevention specialists-in-training, whose certification may be renewed only twice. This bill eliminates the prevention specialist-in-training designation and certification.

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 440.88 (1) (am) of the statutes is repealed.

4           **SECTION 2.** 440.88 (3) (a) 7. of the statutes is repealed.

5           **SECTION 3.** 440.88 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           440.88 (4) APPLICATIONS; CERTIFICATION PERIOD. An application for certification  
7           as a substance abuse counselor, clinical supervisor, or prevention specialist under  
8           this section shall be made on a form provided by the department and filed with the

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1 department and shall be accompanied by the initial credential fee determined by the  
2 department under s. 440.03 (9) (a). The renewal date for certification as a substance  
3 abuse counselor, clinical supervisor, or prevention specialist is specified under s.  
4 440.08 (2) (a) and the renewal fee for such certifications is determined by the  
5 department under s. 440.03 (9) (a). Renewal of certification as a substance abuse  
6 counselor-in-training, or a clinical supervisor-in-training, ~~or a prevention~~  
7 ~~specialist-in-training~~ may be made only twice.

8 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

9 (1) CURRENT PREVENTION SPECIALISTS-IN-TRAINING. Notwithstanding section  
10 440.88 (5) of the statutes, an individual who, on the effective date of this subsection,  
11 holds a valid certification as a prevention specialist-in-training under section  
12 440.88, 2013 stats., may retain and continue to practice under, but may not renew,  
13 that certification until it otherwise expires, subject to applicable requirements under  
14 section 440.88, 2013 stats., and the rules promulgated by the department of safety  
15 and professional services governing the practice of prevention  
16 specialists-in-training.

17 (END)