



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 3
[2013 Senate Bill 13]

**Licensure of Home Medical
Oxygen Providers**

2015 Wisconsin Act 3 establishes a licensure program to be administered by the Pharmacy Examining Board (“PEB”) for persons who provide medical oxygen directly to patients for their own use. Under the Act, the providers are referred to as “home medical oxygen providers,” and “medical oxygen” means oxygen that is a prescription drug.

The Act generally provides that, beginning on May 1, 2015, no person may operate as a home medical oxygen provider unless the person has been granted a license by PEB. This requirement is subject to certain exceptions, such as exceptions for anyone who holds one of certain specified credentials and acts within the scope of that credential.

The Act allows PEB to grant a home medical oxygen provider license to an applicant who pays the initial licensure fee and meets any other requirements established by PEB by rule. Under the Act, a provider that is licensed as a home medical oxygen provider is exempt from pharmacist licensing requirements that otherwise would apply.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.