AN ACT ***to amend*** 48.43 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** continuing representation of a person in a termination of parental rights proceeding.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the joint legislative council's special committee on adoption and termination of parental rights law.

Under this draft, an attorney who represents a person in a TPR proceeding continues representation of that person during the appeal process by filing a notice of intent to appeal under s. 809.107 (2), unless the attorney has been previously discharged during the proceeding by the person or by the trial court.

SECTION 1. 48.43 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.43 **(6)** Judgments under this subchapter terminating parental rights are final and are appealable under s. 808.03 (1) according to the procedure specified in s. 809.107. <u>The attorney representing a person during a proceeding under this subchapter shall continue representation of that person by filing a notice of intent to appeal under s. 809.107 (2), unless the attorney has been previously discharged during the proceeding by the person or by the trial court.</u>

(END)