

## Alzheimer's and Dementia Legislation

- **Silver Alert Referral (AB 628/SB 517)** requires a law enforcement agency that issues a "Silver Alert" to refer the person making the report and their guardian to the local aging and disability resource center (ADRC) and requires law enforcement to notify the Department of Transportation if the missing person was driving to ensure the DOT reviews whether restrictions should be considered.
- **Uniform Adult Guardianship (AB 629/SB 518)** creates a uniform adult guardianship law in Wisconsin. The bill acknowledges differences in other states' adult guardianship laws and allows Wisconsin courts to work with other states' courts to simplify and resolve jurisdictional guardianship issues that may arise.
- **Caregiver Tax Credit (AB 631/SB 528)** creates a nonrefundable individual income tax credit up to \$1000 for certain expenses incurred by a family caregiver to assist a qualified family member. The bill defines a family member's qualifications and identifies claimant income thresholds and eligible expenses to qualify for the credit. The bill's fiscal note indicates that there are approximately 363,000 individuals in Wisconsin who would be eligible for the credit under this bill, suggesting that the average credit would reduce revenue by about \$494 per claimant, or \$179 million annually.
- **Statewide Alzheimer's Awareness Campaign (AB 632 (SB 527)** requires the state DHS to award grants up to a total of \$500,000 to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia in rural and underserved urban areas.
- **Palliative Care Advisory Council (AB 633/SB 548)** requires the state DHS create a Palliative Care Advisory Council within the Department consisting of physicians, healthcare professionals, advocates, hospital administrators, and medical students. The Council would be responsible for the creation and oversight of a statewide palliative care consumer and professional information and education program.
- **Virtual Dementia Tours (AB 643)** increases funding to the state DHS by \$50,000 on a one-time basis to purchase virtual dementia tour licenses so virtual tours can be made available throughout the state, to give individuals a better understanding of what it is like to have dementia.
- **Supported Decision Making (AB655/SB522)** allows an adult with a functional impairment to create an agreement allowing another person to assist with decision-making. The supporter is legally allowed to access the adult's medical, psychological, financial, educational and treatment records and express the adult's life decisions. The supporter is not allowed to legally sign documents or binding agreements, but rather has only the authority granted by the adult under the terms of the agreement.