



2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT to create** 895.476 of the statutes; **relating to:** liability for COVID-19
2 on premises.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a liability exemption relating to COVID-19 for owners, lessees, occupants, or other individuals or entities in control of a premises who invite or permit another person onto the premises. Under the bill, an owner, lessee, or occupant or other individual or entity in control of the premises is immune from liability for an injury of a person who is exposed to COVID-19 on the property, except where the owner, lessee, or occupant knowingly violates an emergency public health order or engages in reckless, wanton, or intentional misconduct.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 895.476 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **895.476 Liability for COVID-19 on premises.** (1) In this section,
5 “COVID-19” means the novel coronavirus identified as SARS-CoV-2, the disease
6 caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 or any viral strain originating from
7 SARS-CoV-2, and conditions associated with the disease.

