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Rep. Katsma Works to Cut Red Tape

Madison... State Representative Terry Katsma (R–Oostburg) voted today to improve the processes to remove government "red tape." <u>Assembly Bill (AB) 80</u> allows government agencies to update administrative rules more efficiently—thus making Wisconsin's government less intrusive for citizens and businesses.

"State agencies create rules based on the laws passed by the legislature," explained Rep. Katsma. "When a law is updated, the rules also need to be updated—but that does not happen automatically. This bill will help simplify those steps."

Currently, any change in administrative code must go through a lengthy process with multiple hearings and reviews. AB 80 streamlines that process and allows for state agencies to continuously review their own regulations and remove any outdated ones while ensuring proper legislative oversight.

AB 80 is a part of Assembly Republicans' regulatory reform project called "Red Tape Review." It was included in the caucus' Forward Agenda and is a continuation of last session's "Right the Rules" campaign.

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Rep. Katsma represents the 26th Assembly District which includes the cities of Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls; the villages of Adell, Oostburg, Random Lake and Cedar Grove; and the towns of Lima, Holland, Sherman and Wilson. Katsma serves as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions and as a member of the committees on Consumer Protection, Housing and Real Estate, Ways and Means and Workforce Development.