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Zimmerman Backs Tax Reciprocity Legislation

Madison, WI...State Representative Shannon Zimmerman (R-River Falls) joined State Senator Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond) yesterday in introducing legislation to study the possibility of restoring income tax reciprocity for Wisconsin and Minnesota taxpayers. Currently, Wisconsin residents who work in Minnesota are required to file income taxes in both states.

"The absence of tax reciprocity between Wisconsin and Minnesota creates an unnecessary burden for many of taxpayers who have to file income taxes in both states," Zimmerman said. "I have literally thousands of constituents who would benefit from tax reciprocity."

The proposal requires the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR), in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Revenue, to conduct a study on the effects of instituting income tax reciprocity between the two states. Once the study is complete and submitted to the Governor and Legislature, the DOR Secretary could use the information to negotiate an agreement with Minnesota that allows taxpayers who live in one state and work in the other to file income tax returns in their home state only, rather than in both states as they do now.

"I would love to see income tax reciprocity come back between Minnesota and Wisconsin, Zimmerman said. "This legislation starts the process to fix the income tax reciprocity problem."

Representative Zimmerman represents the 30th Assembly District which includes parts of St. Croix and Pierce Counties.

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