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## **State Assembly Approves Rep. Rob Brooks' Healthy Foods Bill**

**Madison, WI**—Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly voted, 60-35, to approve Assembly Bill (AB) 177, a bill designed to promote healthy eating, bolster nutrition and develop healthier lifestyles, authored by Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville).

“AB 177 is a common-sense bill that simply requires DHS to apply for a federal waiver to better align our FoodShare program to meet its intended goal: providing supplemental nutritional assistance to those who need it most,” said Representative Brooks. “I am not sure how promoting healthy eating and ensuring that taxpayer dollars are spent prudently, is controversial. Yet, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle voted unanimously to oppose this impactful piece of legislation.”

The amended bill expands the Women Infant and Children (WIC) list with no prohibitions on packaging or brand; includes, without restrictions, beef, poultry, pork and fish (excluding crustacean); all fresh produce; all potatoes, regardless of variety; cranberry products and all dairy products.

“I was proud to work with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, in committee, to expand the list of allowable foods and enhance this bill,” said Brooks. Despite approving four of their amendments and expanding the list of allowable foods, Democrats still unanimously opposed this important piece of legislation.”

AB 177 now goes before the Wisconsin State Senate for consideration. The bill requires approval of the senate before being sent to the desk of Governor Walker.

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