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VanderMeer Paper Bill Signed Into Law

Madison – On Friday, Governor Evers signed legislation authored by Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) into law. [Assembly Bill 497](#), now [2021 Wisconsin Act 110](#), creates efficiencies for paper producers throughout the state and allows paper manufacturers with a capable chemical recovery boiler to complete a required safety inspection from the state on a two-year, rather than an annual basis. Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point), was the lead author in the State Senate and the effort was supported by a variety of industry stakeholders, labor unions, the Wisconsin Paper Council, and others.

“I’ve been extremely enthusiastic about this effort from the start, so I’m happy that the governor saw the broad support for this bill and got it signed into law. I’ve been especially enthusiastic about this effort because it’s a very practical change to current state oversight of the paper industry that has a direct positive impact on workers and their families, organizations and their productivity, and also provides environmental benefits to boot,” VanderMeer said.

Last session, identical legislation was authored by VanderMeer and passed the Assembly in February of 2020 with bipartisan support. The Senate version of the bill was passed out of committee and on the Senate floor calendar for their final scheduled session day of the 2019-2020 Legislative Session that was subsequently cancelled because of COVID-19.

In addition to a number of her legislative initiatives being directly incorporated into this session’s state budget, to date, this is the fourth piece of authored legislation that Representative VanderMeer has had signed into law during the 2021-2022 Legislative Session.

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