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Right to Try Signed into Law

Governor Walker signed Wisconsin's Right to Try Legislation into law

MADISON – Yesterday Governor Walker signed Assembly Bill (AB) 69, commonly known as Wisconsin's Right to Try bill, into law. Assembly bill author Representative Patrick Snyder (R-Schofield) made the following statement after the bill signing:

“Today was an exciting day for me and for many individuals throughout the State of Wisconsin. Assembly Bill 69 is going to expand opportunities for patients and their families that are currently confronted by discouraging prospects. This law invites a brighter future.”

AB 69 authorizes terminally ill patients to access investigational treatment options that are in the process of being approved by the United States Food & Drug Administration (FDA), subject to certain conditions. The treatment must have passed phase one of the FDA testing, proving that it is not toxic to humans. It also must currently be in phase two or phase three of FDA testing, or have passed phase three with approval still pending.

The bill stipulates that a patient must have considered all other FDA approved treatment options; have received recommendation by his or her physician for using investigational treatment; and have given written consent for the use of investigational medicine. Additionally, the bill allows drug manufacturers to make these products available to eligible patients, without requiring that they offer investigational treatment options.

“Having been my first bill to be signed by Governor Walker out of the five that I introduced and passed through the legislature, today was an especially exciting day for me,” Rep Snyder said. “I am thrilled to have really used my first term in office to work across the aisle and truly make a positive impact in my community and in the State of Wisconsin.”

The bill was signed into law on Wednesday as 2017 Wisconsin Act 165.

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