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Spiros' Bills Pass State Senate

The 2015-16 legislative session came to a close this week as the Senate concluded their final floor session of the year. On Tuesday the Senate voted to pass five bills that were authored by Rep. John Spiros (R-Marshfield). Assembly Bills 198, 521, 558, 674, and 776 were all passed by a voice vote.

“I am very happy that all of these bills had bipartisan support and passed unanimously through the Senate,” Spiros stated. “I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish this session and am glad that it ended on such a positive note.”

The safety of those working in construction zones is protected by Assembly Bill 198 which prohibits a person from using a cell phone while driving in a construction zone, except to report an emergency.

Privacy laws are updated with Assembly Bill 521. The bill deals with criminal invasions of privacy and adds onto a bill Spiros passed last session. It brings these laws into the 21st century by keeping up with advances in technology.

Assembly Bill 558 makes changes to state law relating to the operation of vehicles that exceed weight and length limits on certain highways, including I-39 between State Highway 34 and State Highway 29 south of Wausau.

Individuals who have been unjustly prevented from visiting or communicating with their ailing relatives will now have a way to petition the court for visitation under Assembly Bill 674. This bill creates a legal path for family members to petition a court to rule on visitation without incurring the enormous expenses necessary to challenge the guardianship or conservatorship.

Assembly Bill 776 streamlines the state crime lab's ability to process drug evidence, which is more important than ever due to the constant evolution of synthetic drugs.

The bills now go to the Governor for his signature. For more information please contact Rep. Spiros' office at (608) 266-1182 or email Rep.Spiros@legis.wi.gov.

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