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**Rep. Billings' Legislation to Curb Fentanyl Supply Passes Assembly**  
*Two Bills to Address the Presence of Fentanyl in Our Community are Ready to be Signed into Law*

Madison, Wis – Yesterday, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed bipartisan legislation authored by Representative Jill Billings (D-La Crosse) and Senator Van Wanggaard (R- Racine) that works to address the presence of fentanyl in Wisconsin communities. Senate Bill 352 increases penalties for individuals that are charged with manufacturing, delivering, or distributing fentanyl and fentanyl analogs—bringing the penalties to parity for the same crimes involving heroin.

“Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 100 times stronger than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin. Due to its potency, affordability, and addictiveness, fentanyl is often mixed with drugs like heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine and made into pills that resemble other prescription opioids. Users are typically unaware that they are consuming this incredibly potent substance, which has contributed to the increase in overdose deaths in our state over the last few years.”

“The La Crosse community, and communities across Wisconsin, have experienced devastating impacts due to fentanyl-laced drugs. This legislation works to address this crisis by holding those who peddle this dangerous substance into our neighborhoods more accountable. The idea for this legislation was brought to me by members of the La Crosse Police Department and it was great to work with my Republican colleagues to introduce this legislation and see it pass both the Assembly and Senate.”

“In addition, I am a proud co-sponsor of Senate Bill 600, which passed both the Assembly and Senate yesterday as well. This bill decriminalizes the use of fentanyl testing strips allowing individuals to better understand the contents of what they’re about to consume and reducing their risk of a potentially deadly fentanyl overdose. Both Senate Bill 600 and Senate Bill 352 now head to the Governor’s desk for his signature to become law.”

*Rep. Jill Billings serves the 95th District in the Wisconsin State Assembly. The 95th district includes all of the city of La Crosse, town of Campbell and a portion of the town of Shelby.*

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