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### **Governor Signs Local Job Creation Measure** **Authored by Leibham and Ziegelbauer** *New law clears state government red tape for local entrepreneur*

**State Capitol** — A bill that will help facilitate the creation of 30 jobs in Manitowoc County has received the final approval of Governor Jim Doyle and will now become law according to State Senator Joe Leibham (R–Sheboygan) and State Representative Bob Ziegelbauer (D–Manitowoc).

Authored by Senator Leibham and Representative Ziegelbauer, Senate Bill 268 (now known as 2009 Wisconsin Act 398) gives local units of government more authority in making decisions on where certain rendering-type facilities may be located. In addition, the Act adjusts current state regulations to recognize the differences between traditional rendering and a specific process that converts meat waste to pet food.

The idea behind the bill was brought to Senator Leibham and Representative Ziegelbauer by a constituent, Mr. Ron Baeten, who was hoping to open a small business in Collins that would involve the recycling of scrap meats and oils picked up from restaurants and grocery stores throughout the Midwest. The project earned the approval of the local municipality, but state government regulators stepped in and terminated it based upon a state statutory technicality. Act 398 fixes this problem.

A brief ceremony was held at the State Capitol as Governor Doyle signed SB 268 into law. Joining the Governor were Mr. Baeten and his wife, Cherie, Representative Ziegelbauer and Representative John Townsend (R-Fond du Lac). (Photo attached) Senator Leibham was unable to attend the Capitol ceremony due to commitments in his district.

“As we work to build a strong economic recovery, the state government should not be standing in the way of creating good local jobs,” said Senator Leibham. “Act 398 was a strong bipartisan effort that injects local control and common sense into a process that was tightly restricted by our state government. We were proud to move this important bill forward on behalf of this local businessman and his future employees.”

“We're delighted that we finally got this accomplished,” said Representative Ziegelbauer. “This is a good example of how we can build our economy again, by removing unnecessary government regulations to allow private entrepreneurs the chance to use their own resources to be successful.”

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