Rep. Brandtjen Bill Requires Governmental Units to Comply with Federal Law:

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Madison, WI- State Representative Janel Brandtjen (R- Menomonee Falls) is introducing a bill that penalizes cities, towns and counties for creating policies that don't comply with federal law. This bill would allow a resident or group of residents to file suit against any governmental body that violates federal law.

"Wisconsinites deserve to be safe. We deserve consistent enforcement of the law, and it is the job of the legislature to draft laws that provide that structure," Brandtjen said. "This bill is just common sense. We are a nation of laws; otherwise what are we doing here?" Brandtjen noted. "We've put ourselves in this position because we have allowed selective enforcement of our laws. It is time to deal with this situation," she added.

Brandtjen's proposal provides monetary penalties for political subdivisions that are found in violation of state or federal laws.

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