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Near West Side Partnership Leads to Local Solution

MADISON, Wis. – Thanks to a new, bipartisan law the City of Milwaukee may shut down bad actors who are tolerating illegal activities such as drugs and prostitution.

On Tuesday, Governor Scott Walker signed Assembly Bill 628 which gives the City of Milwaukee the ability to not-renew, suspend, or revoke tobacco licenses for businesses with documented nuisance activity such as drug dealing and prostitution. State Senator Alberta Darling says the measure gives the city similar powers to how it already deals with nuisance liquor stores.

“This bill gives local officials a solution to deal with local problems,” Darling said, “I want to thank the Near West Side Partnership for working with Representative Goyke and myself. I fully support their efforts to revitalize Milwaukee.”

The new law is supported by the non-profit Near West Side Partnership. The group includes Aurora Health Care, Harley-Davidson, Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, Marquette University, and MillerCoors. Representative Goyke says the law will be a boost to the entire community.

"The signing of Assembly Bill 628 will help reduce crime and promote economic development in neighborhoods throughout the City of Milwaukee. I am incredibly proud of the hard work and collaboration that went into this bill. I am grateful to Senator Darling for her hard work and dedication to this important issue. It's an exciting day for my neighborhood, my district, and the great City of Milwaukee."

Governor Walker signed the bill at Aurora Sinai Medical Center in Milwaukee.

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