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Rep Born Bill to Support County Jailers Passes Assembly *AB 28 Classifies County Jailers as Protective Occupation Participants*

Madison – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed Assembly Bill (AB) 28, authored by Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) and Senator Howard Marklein (R- Spring Green), which will give county jailers an opportunity to be classified as protective occupation participants and allow them to access the important benefits that come with this status.

“I want to thank my Assembly colleagues for recognizing the challenges and dangers county jailers experience on a daily basis by supporting this important piece of legislation” said Rep. Born. “No matter the situation, county jailers are tasked with ensuring all inmates, visitors and staff inside their facility are not harmed”.

AB 28 will allow county jailers who are not employed by a county that already grants their jailers protective status the opportunity to decide whether they would like to be classified as a protective occupation participant. Protective status has numerous benefits including a lower retirement age, an increased multiplier for retirement annuities and duty disability insurance.

“I am proud to have worked alongside the Badger State Sheriff’s Association, Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association and the Wisconsin Counties Association to craft a piece of legislation that will enable all county jailers to access the valuable benefits that come along with protective status,” said Rep. Born. “This legislation reflects our ongoing effort to provide more support for our law enforcement officers who routinely risk their own safety to protect members of their community”.

AB 28 passed the Assembly unanimously and will need to pass in the Senate before it is sent to the governor for his approval.

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