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Dodge County Deputy Jail Administrator Testifies with Rep. Born in Madison

Hundt testifies in support of legislation authored by Rep. Born

Madison- Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) was joined by Jason Hundt, Dodge County Deputy Jail Administrator, in Madison to testify on Assembly Bill 645. Rep. Born introduced AB 645 after being contacted by Hundt about county jailers having the appropriate training and resources to administer Naloxone, a life-saving opioid antagonist used to completely or partially reverse an opioid overdose. Naloxone is more commonly referred to as Narcan.

“I want to thank Jason for reaching out and making me aware of a loophole in current statute that prevents county jailers from obtaining Narcan in county jails,” said Rep. Mark Born. “By making these changes, we are not only increasing the number of lives saved from overdose, we are also equipping staff to be fully prepared in emergency situations.”

AB 645 adds county jailers to the current state statute which establishes a framework for all levels of EMT and first responders to be trained on how to administer Narcan. This will be especially useful for county jails in smaller, rural communities who are not equipped with 24-hour nursing staff to administer Narcan.

“In a circumstance where a county jail does not have 24 hour medical staff, officers often have to wait several minutes for a deputy or EMT to arrive to properly administer the Narcan,” said Born. “For that reason, it is absolutely critical that county jailers are properly trained on how to administer Narcan in a timely manner in these emergency situations.”

Deputy Jail Administrator Jason Hundt joined Rep. Born in testifying before both the Senate and Assembly standing committees. The bill has received bipartisan support in both houses.

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