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Rep. Plumer’s Legislation Expanding Access to Dental Treatment Unanimously Passes Assembly

MADISON, WI – Today, the Assembly unanimously passed Rep. Plumer’s legislation expanding access to dental treatment and helping reduce costs.

“Many Wisconsinites suffer from a lack of adequate access to dental care. I’m thankful to my colleagues in the Assembly for their unanimous support of my legislation today that helps address the problem,” said Rep. Plumer. “Significant areas of the state face dental access shortages. The end result is fewer individuals getting the preventative dental care they need and more emergency room visits when serious issues arise.”

Assembly Bill 668 (Senate Bill 689) allows the licensure and practice of Dental Therapists to serve dental patients directly within their scope of care. This will result in more capacity, increased care options, and reduced costs for those who need it. Dental Therapists provide the same type of important mid-level care as a Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner does in a doctor’s office.

Under the bill, Dental Therapy education programs must meet specific accreditation requirements. Dental Therapists must also serve as an employee and under the supervision of a dentist. These requirements, along with additional parameters laid out in the bill, will ensure quality of care and allow Dental Therapists to operate smoothly within the dental infrastructure across the state.

“Today we took an important step to address a serious issue facing our state,” added Rep. Plumer. “I’d also like to thank Senator Felzkowski for her leadership and hard work getting this legislation put together.”

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