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Governor Evers Signs Bill Increasing the Penalty for Drunk Driving Related Deaths

Madison – Today, Governor Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill 17 into law. This bill requires a prison sentence of at least five years for individuals who are convicted of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle. State Rep. Jim Ott (R-Mequon) introduced this bill and State Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Salem) is the lead Assembly co-author.

“Increasing the penalty for OWI homicide in our state is a bi-partisan priority. I am pleased that this bill passed both the Assembly and Senate unanimously. As lawmakers, we need to do all we can to ensure that those who drive on our state’s roads are able to arrive at their destinations safely. I am grateful that Governor Tony Evers agrees and has signed this legislation into law,” said Rep. Kerkman.

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