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Governor Signs VanderMeer’s Medical Licensure Compact Re-Authorization Legislation

Prescott, WI – Today, Governor Evers signed a bill authored by Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) into law at Prescott High School. [Senate Bill 74](#), the Compact Re-Authorization Act, now 2019 Wisconsin Act 49, re-authorizes Wisconsin’s participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, a voluntary process for expediting physician licensure across state lines, was originally authored by VanderMeer and signed into law in 2015. Wisconsin was one of the first twelve states to join the compact and there are now twenty-nine states participating in the nationwide compact.

Representative VanderMeer attended the bill signing and released the following statement:

“I’m very pleased that that governor signed this bill today. I think the biggest reason I’m happy we were able to get this signed into law and the compact re-authorized is because it directly helps healthcare providers and patients close to home. Leaders from Gundersen Health, Marshfield Clinic, Mayo Clinic, and Tomah Health have been strong supporters and invaluable resources from the time we first discussed the compact.

“The compact removes bureaucratic burdens from healthcare providers while not compromising quality of care, allowing patients access to professionals that provide care. That’s a big deal and I hope that our state will continue to reap the benefits of the compact for years to come.”

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