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Four VanderMeer Bills Signed by Governor

Madison – Governor Tony Evers signed four pieces of legislation authored by Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) into law today at the Capitol. The bills address a variety of issues, including: driving private investment to economically challenged rural and urban parts of the state, modifying the requirements for funeral directors to obtain their education and training in the state, allowing Physical Therapists to align their Student Physical Therapy supervisory standards with national association guidelines and industry-wide practical standards, and making it easier for service members, former service members, and their spouses to obtain reciprocal licensure credentials when moving to, or residing in Wisconsin.

Representative VanderMeer released the following statement:

"I'm extremely pleased to have these pieces of legislation signed today by the governor. I'm happy that he and his team were able to see the positive impact that these bills will bring to residents throughout the state. All of the bills he signed today had bipartisan support on the front end, bipartisan support coming out of committee, and received bipartisan support on the Assembly floor. I think that helped.

"I'm thankful that the leadership teams from both houses also saw the positive impact of these bills and decided to move them forward for floor votes, and I'm thankful for all of my colleagues that showed their support, from committee chairs choosing to hear and vote on the bills, to those that co-sponsored the proposals, to those that voted for the legislation in committee or on the floor.

"What's really, really neat here though is that these bills will all tangibly positively impact folks in the 70th Assembly District and our local communities. I'll share more specific information on that and the individual bills at a later date, but as an example, the idea for AB 581 was originally brought to my attention a couple of years ago by the Program Head of Western Technical College's Physical Therapist Assistant Program to address an issue their students were facing."

Detailed information on the legislation can be found on the Legislature's website here:

- Assembly Bill 532, relating to income and franchise tax benefit for investment in Wisconsin opportunity zones
- Assembly Bill 576, relating to requirements for funeral director apprenticeships and licenses
- Assembly Bill 581, relating to the practice of physical therapy students and physical therapist assistant students
- Assembly Bill 731, relating to reciprocal credentials for service members, former service members, and their spouses

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.