

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Rep. Chanz Green (608) 237-9174

March 22nd, 2024

Rep. Green's Search and Rescue K9 Bill Signed by Governor

Madison – Representative Chanz Green (R-Grand View) issued the following statement after <u>Senate Bill 318</u>, which deals with allowing certain search and rescue organizations or recovery teams that use human detection K9s to receive anatomical gifts for training purposes, was signed into law by Governor Evers:

"This bill being signed into law will help search and rescue organizations and recovery teams all over Wisconsin. Canine search and rescue dogs are crucial for law enforcement when searching for missing people. They go through extensive training in order to prepare for various situations in the real world, including different odors, items, settings, and environments.

Yet, current Wisconsin state statutes do not allow them to train with real parts of the human body, which hampers their ability to be fully prepared when a real-world situation occurs. This bill would allow them to be ready for that."

Anatomical gifts are parts of the human body donated after death for transplantation, therapy, research, or education. This bill would not disrupt the current hierarchy for donating and receiving anatomical gifts; it simply allows someone to identify a search and rescue organization as the intended recipient of their donation.

Constituents can contact our office by emailing <u>Rep.Green@legis.wisconsin.gov</u> or by calling (608) 237-9174. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

###

Representative Chanz Green represents the 74th Assembly District, which covers all of Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, and Price counties and includes parts of Douglas and Sawyer counties.