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Governor Evers Signs Hemp Bill

Madison – Today, Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) joined Governor Tony Evers, Senators Testin and Taylor, Representative Kurtz, and hemp advocates at the Capitol as Governor Evers signed 2019 Senate Bill 188 into law. Senate Bill 188 was co-authored by Representatives Considine and Kurtz (R-Wonewoc) and Senators Testin (R-Stevens Point) and Taylor (D-Milwaukee), and it aligns state law with changes made in the 2018 Federal Farm Bill.

“Historically, Wisconsin has been an excellent place to grow and process hemp,” said Rep. Considine. “This session, we introduced Senate Bill 188 because updating Wisconsin’s laws on hemp can provide a continued avenue for diversification for both producing and manufacturing.

“While we will need to continue updating the laws on hemp regulation in coming years, this bill is a great step for our farmers and processors in Wisconsin. I applaud Governor Evers as well as all of the stakeholders who were involved with making this bill the best that it could be. In the midst of divided government and increasingly difficult times on the farm, I am proud that we could write and pass this important and long-awaited reform.

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