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Wisconsin Assembly Approves Bipartisan Bills
Rep. Joers Co-Authors Two Proposals Receiving Final Floor Vote

MADISON – The Wisconsin State Assembly met for a rare floor day yesterday, approving a collection of bipartisan bills. Representative Alex Joers (D-Waunakee) was an original co-author of two of the proposals receiving affirmative votes.

Assembly Bill 201 is also known as Bradyn’s Law. This legislation is a step forward to address the online financial sextortion of minors. Bradyn’s Law creates new penalties for the crime of sextortion, allows those who cause death by suicide as part of a sextortion scheme to be charged with felony murder, and makes a victim of sextortion or their family eligible for payment from the crime victim compensation fund under the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

“Sextortion has been targeting victims of all ages, notably our children, for far too long. I am glad to see Bradyn’s Law passed for many reasons; not only does this bill create new penalties for this heinous crime, but I sincerely hope it will spark conversations in households across Wisconsin. Please talk to the young people in your life about sextortion, and remind them that there are tools and support available. Sextortion is *never* the fault of the victim. More information is available at stopsextortion.com.”

Assembly Bill 257 creates a new system of licensure that allows a registered nurse (RN) to be licensed by the Board of Nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).

“After many years of working towards a compromise on this legislation, we were finally able to see this policy passed. I’m thankful that legislators, stakeholders, and the Governor were able to come together to find a solution. With this legislation, I hope to see greater access to healthcare across our state,” Joers commented.

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