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Rep. Edming Starts Fall Session

Madison – Representative James W. Edming (R-Glen Flora) is pleased to have supported policy that will have positive results upon Wisconsin's families. During the State Assembly's first fall floor day, Rep. Edming approved legislation that will increase health care access and update Wisconsin's adoption policies. Both measures passed with bipartisan support.

"I want to be a voice for my constituents in Madison," said Rep. Edming. "I continue to listen to their input and as a result, voted to approve legislation to improve health care and strengthen adoption statues for families."

<u>Assembly Bill 253</u> permits Wisconsin to become part of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which expedites the process for physicians to practice in multiple states. The bill will increase medical care, especially in rural communities, through additional use of telemedicine.

The Assembly also supported a number of bills recommended by the Legislative Council Study Committee on Adoption Disruption and Dissolution, a bi-partisan study committee. During foreign adoptions, Assembly Bill 41 mandates Wisconsin parents to additionally adopt the child in the state. This would guarantee that children have some record of their background and identity.

Other fall legislative priorities will focus on confronting public benefit fraud and fighting opiate and heroin addiction. Three task forces will also concentrate on other critical issues, which include Alzheimer's and dementia, youth workforce readiness, and urban education.

"During the summer months, I spent much time in the district listening to my constituents and attending community events. I look forward to working on legislation to improve upon our state," said Rep. Edming.

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