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Rep. Edming Votes to "REIN" in Regulations

MADISON – Yesterday, Rep. James Edming (R-Glen Flora) supported several pieces of legislation that would reform the administrative rulemaking process and make it easier to reduce and prevent government red tape.

"The people of Wisconsin elect their legislators to make laws, not bureaucrats in government agencies," said Rep. Edming. "Unfortunately, at times, these bureaucrats go too far when creating rules to implement laws enacted by the legislature and add an unnecessary layer government red tape."

The first reform passed by the Assembly is <u>Senate Bill 15</u>, also known at the REINS (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Act. This legislation increases legislative oversight in the administrative rulemaking process by requiring any agency rule that has a fiscal impact of more than \$10 million to receive legislative approval before taking effect. The second bill that received approval was <u>Assembly Bill 317</u>, which improves the process for reviewing administrative rules and to repeal rules that should no longer exist. Finally, <u>Senate Bill 100</u> puts an expiration date on the scope statements used to draft administrative rules which will hopefully encourage state agencies to complete the rule making process in a timelier manner.

"These reforms will help to ensure a government that is more accountable to the people of Wisconsin through their elected representatives," said Rep. Edming. "I am pleased to support efforts to increase transparency the rulemaking process."

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