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Rep. Billings Statement on Assembly Session
Misplaced Priorities – Pandering to Extremes

MADISON – Today, the State Assembly took up dozens of bills, including several bills which expand who can carry a concealed firearm and where in Wisconsin.

“Today the Wisconsin State Assembly yet again took up bills that do nothing to actually improve conditions and safety in our state. Included in these bills are AB 495, allowing concealed carry permit holders to have their firearm in their vehicle on school grounds; AB 498 lowering the age for concealed carry permits to 18; AB 518, allowing out-of-state concealed carry permit holders to receive a permit in Wisconsin without a background check; and AB 597, allowing concealed carry permit holders to have their firearm in a place of worship on the grounds of a private school”

“I come from a family of hunters going back generations and I understand the place that hunting and firearms have in our state’s cultural heritage. But I also understand that carrying and using a firearm requires great care, caution, and practice to handle them in a safe and responsible manner.”

“However the bills passed by the Assembly today do nothing to ensure the safe and responsible usage of firearms in our state and in our community, and do nothing to make our schools and places of worship safer. These are a dangerous combination of bills, allowing 18 year olds to get concealed carry permits and allowing permit holders to have firearms in their vehicles on school grounds. In addition, opening up a loophole where out-of-state individuals don’t need a background check to receive a Wisconsin concealed carry permit will not improve safety.”

“There are things that we can and should do to increase firearms safety in Wisconsin, like passing universal background checks, requiring safe and secure storage of firearms, and tightening up the training requirements for concealed carry permit holders.”

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