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Assembly Passes Tough-On-Crime Measures

Madison, WI – The Wisconsin State Assembly yesterday passed bills targeting violent crime, including rioting, and reckless driving.

Rates of violent crime, murder, and aggravated assault in Wisconsin are at the [highest level in over 35 years](#).

Included in this package are two bills pushed by Rep. Duchow. Senate Bill 75 is a sunrise bill that defines “violent crime” and “serious harm” if voters approve the proposed constitutional amendment on bail on April 4th. A last-minute maneuver by Democrats would have prevented judges from considering violent misdemeanors and some violent felonies when setting cash bail. Among the crimes Democrats tried to remove were violating restraining orders for victims of domestic abuse, carjacking by force, and elder abuse.

Assembly Bill 58 creates a mandatory minimum sentence of five years for violent felons in possession of a firearm. The bill is designed to encourage District Attorneys to follow through on prosecutions rather than dismissing or amending charges as part of a plea agreement. [Three out of every four](#) felons arrested in Milwaukee County for possession of a gun do not go to prison and more than half aren't convicted according to a FOX6 investigation. According to information obtained from the Wisconsin Director of State Courts, from January of 2018 through last December, 2,789 charges for possession of a firearm were dismissed.

“Crime in Milwaukee is out of control, and it’s spilling over into our communities in Waukesha County,” said Rep. Cindi Duchow (R-Pewaukee). “These bills help make sure our law enforcement officers and judges have the necessary tools to keep violent, repeat offenders from victimizing more people.”

Senate Bill 75 now goes to Gov. Evers. Assembly Bill 58 goes to the Senate.

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Rep. Duchow represents the 99th Assembly District, which includes the villages of Lac La Belle, Chenequa, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, Oconomowoc Lake, Wales, and portions of the village of Summit; the towns of Delafield, Merton, Oconomowoc, and portions of the town of Lisbon; and the City of Delafield.