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Election Integrity & Driver Education Pass Senate

Madison – Today, two of State Senator Dan Knodl’s (R – Germantown) bills passed in the Wisconsin State Senate.

Senate Bill 98, passed 21-10, requires DOT to place on the face of a driver’s license or ID card issued to a non-citizen a readily recognizable indication that the license or ID card cannot be used for voter ID purposes.

"The integrity of our elections is critical to securing the voting public’s trust. Senate Bill 98 is a simple step to ensure only citizens of our great state are voting in our elections. There have been multiple incidents just in my district of non-U.S. citizens voting in elections. That is unacceptable and preventable. Fortunately, this bill will not only make Election Day easier on our clerks, but it will also result in more secure elections."

Assembly Bill 394, passed 29-2, creates a dedicated driver education grant program. The grants will provide funding for driver education programming for students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch in public, choice, charter, and home schools.

"Reckless driving is a crisis in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, the rate of traffic accidents is trending in the wrong direction, as is the rate of teenagers receiving driver education. According to the most recent data from the Federal Highway Administration, the share of teenagers with driver's licenses has dropped from 64% in 1995 to 40% in 2021. Assembly Bill 394 will help ensure that young adults can learn how to drive safely regardless of their income. This important piece of legislation now heads to the governor’s desk and I am very hopeful he will sign it into law."

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The 8th Senate District includes portions of Washington, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Milwaukee Counties.