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WISCONSIN'S 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

MY COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, LICENSING, AND FORESTRY

Last week, I held a **public hearing** on three licensing bills that you can learn about below:

SB 89: Certification requirements for emergency medical responders.

SB 163: Third-party logistics providers, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

SB 98: Providing complementary and alternative health care practitioners with exemptions from practice protection laws, requirements and prohibitions for individuals who provide complementary and alternative health care services, and providing a penalty.

This week I held an **executive hearing** where we voted to confirm four of the Governor's appointees to various Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) boards:

Deb Kolste: Of Janesville, as a Public Member on the Dentistry Examining Board.

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MY COMMITTEE CONTINUED...

Dr. Cynthia Adell: Of Milwaukee, as an Advanced Practice Representative on the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board.

Kayla Cwojdzinski: Of Cameron, as a Cosmetologist on the Cosmetology Examining Board.

Ann Hoepfner: Of Eau Claire, as an Electrologist on the Cosmetology Examining Board.

We also passed the following bills out of committee:

SB10: Educational qualifications for certified public accountants.

SB14: Justices or judges authorized to officiate a marriage.

SB74: Regulation of home inspectors, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

SB77: The practice of psychology, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

SB163: Third-party logistics providers, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

ELK HUNTING APPLICATION OPEN NOW

Following several successfully managed Wisconsin elk hunts, the DNR is planning the fourth elk hunt in state history this fall. Wisconsin's northern herd elk population, centered around Clam Lake, rose to 300 animals in 2020. The DNR anticipates growth in the herd again this year.

Once widespread across North America, elk were eliminated from Wisconsin in the 1880s. Thanks to the support of many partners and the backing of Wisconsinites, the herd is back. Elk hunting season is open Oct. 16-Nov. 14 and Dec. 9-17, 2021. Successful applicants can hunt during either period. Only Wisconsin residents are eligible to receive an elk tag.

Wisconsin residents can purchase elk license applications online through [Go Wild](http://GoWild.wi.gov) (gowild.wi.gov) or by visiting a [license agent](#). The application fee is \$10.

The [Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation](#) will also raffle one license. Raffle tickets are also \$10 each, and there is no limit on the number of raffle tickets an individual may purchase.

The cost of an elk hunting license for the winners of the license drawing is \$49.



STATEWIDE BUDGET LISTENING SESSIONS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED

The Joint Finance Committee has announced it will be holding four public hearings around the state to hear feedback from Wisconsinites on Governor Evers' 2021-23 Executive Budget.

One of these sessions will be in Rhinelander!

When discussions on the public hearings began, I requested that one of the public hearings be hosted in my district because rural Wisconsin faces unique challenges, very different than those of Madison and Milwaukee. I look forward to hosting the Joint Finance team and having our voices heard from the Northwoods.

Executive Budget Public Hearing Details:

Friday, April 9 - 10:00am: UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI

Wednesday, April 21 - 10:00am: Hodag Dome, Rhinelander, WI

Thursday, April 22 - 10:00am: UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI

Wednesday, April 28 - 10:00am: State Capitol, Madison, WI (this hearing will be virtual)

Those interested in the budget process can go to the following website for budget input and public hearing information: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments>

For people wishing to submit comments on the budget, the committee will be using the same email address that has been available in the past:

Budget.Comments@legis.wisconsin.gov



THREE MORE ELECTION REFORM BILLS INTRODUCED

This week Sen. Bernier introduced three more election reform bills. You can read about them below:

SB178: (i) Temporary orders related to the conduct of elections. (ii) Review of the conduct of recounts. (iii) Delivery of recount petitions to candidates. (iv) Information concerning domestic abuse and sexual assault victim service providers. (v) Legible printing of signers' names on a recall petition. (vi) Notice of referendums on the ballot at spring and partisan primaries. (vii) Delivery to the commission of certified statements regarding an election. (viii) Appointment of election inspectors for canvassing absentee ballots. (ix) Ballot space for write-in candidates for city office. (x) Names of independent candidates for state office listed on the partisan primary ballot. (xi) Maintaining poll lists after an election. (xii) Notice of ballot form and contents when an electronic voting system is used for an election. (xiii) Paper copies of registration lists used in an election. (xiv) References to copying machines. (xv) Counting of write-in votes. (xvi) Commission rules relating to forms of election notices. (xvii) Establishing ward lines.

SB179: Relating to voter registration, name and address changes, proof of residence, and verification of the registrant's address.

SB180: (i) Special voting deputies. (ii) Providing proof of residence. (iii) Former residents who no longer live in Wisconsin but can't vote anywhere else (iv) Curbside voting and voters with disabilities. (v) Clerks sending absentee ballots automatically. (vi) Exercising the right to vote. (vii) Absentee ballot marking. (viii) Return of marked absentee ballots. (ix) List of eligible military voters.

**AS WITH LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER, PLEASE
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