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## Ten Ballweg Bills Signed

**Madison...** Senator Joan Ballweg had ten bills signed into law on Friday, March 22, 2024.

"I am excited about all of the progress we have made this session," said Ballweg. "I am especially glad to have the bills from the Legislative Council Study Committee on Uniform Death Reporting Standards signed into law. These proposals add to our efforts to prevent suicide in Wisconsin. I served as Chair of the Speaker's Taskforce on Suicide Prevention in the 2019-20 legislative session and we learned how necessary it was to update our state's death reporting standards."

- [2023 Act 171](#), previously [Senate Bill 173](#), provides additional occupational fields on death records.
- [2023 Act 172](#), previously [Senate Bill 174](#), requires use of the electronic vital records system for medical certification of death.
- [2023 Act 173](#), previously [Senate Bill 175](#), recommends training for individuals who complete and sign death certificates.
- [2023 Act 174](#), previously [Senate Bill 176](#), requires the Department of Health Services to establish a list of best practices for coroners and medical examiners.
- [2023 Act 175](#), previously [Senate Bill 178](#), requires coroners and medical examiners to be notified of any death that occurs within 24 hours of an individual being admitted to certain healthcare facilities.

"The remaining bills I authored in response to community requests," stated Ballweg. "I always enjoy working on legislation that was brought forward by members of the community."

- [2023 Act 187](#), previously [Senate Bill 868](#), allows individuals to enroll as an organ donor when filing their state income taxes. This builds on Senator Ballweg's work throughout her time in the legislature to support and encourage organ donation.
- [2023 Act 188](#), previously [Senate Bill 964](#), authorizes physical therapists to issue disabled parking plates or cards.
- [2023 Act 204](#), previously [Senate Bill 546](#), allows spouses to be admitted to state-run veterans homes without the veteran being admitted or ever receiving care.
- [2023 Act 210](#), previously [Senate Bill 439](#), creates a legal process to allow for the discharge or release of a discriminatory restriction on a property deed.

Each of these proposals authored by Senator Ballweg received bipartisan support, and the individual bills will go into effect in accordance to the specific legislation.



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- [2023 Act 201](#), previously [Senate Bill 948](#), creates a healthy food incentive program with an unused appropriation at the Department of Health Services. This program will allow families to purchase more fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and grocery stores.

Act 201 was authored by Senator Ballweg and Representative Joers (D-Middleton). These programs are more commonly referred to as "Double Bucks" and are meant to enhance nutrition.

Senator Ballweg still has several bills awaiting the governor's final action.

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