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Rep. Mark Spreitzer Introduces Healthcare Heroes Act

MADISON – Today, Wisconsin State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit), Rep. Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa), Rep. Daniel Riemer (D-Milwaukee), and State Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-West Point) introduced the “Healthcare Heroes Act” in support of frontline healthcare workers in Wisconsin during the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill provides benefits for healthcare workers -- including hazard pay, paid medical leave, and no-cost coverage for COVID-19 testing and treatment, regardless of whether they have insurance coverage.

“Throughout this pandemic, frontline healthcare workers have put their lives on the line to help Wisconsinites suffering from COVID-19, and to keep our nursing home residents safe,” Spreitzer said. “I have heard directly from constituents who have been at the heart of our state’s response to COVID-19, and it is clear that we can and should do more. In Wisconsin, healthcare workers make up nearly 1 of every 10 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and this proposal directly addresses critical needs identified by healthcare workers across our state: hazard pay, healthcare coverage, and paid sick time.”

“As we see cases rising across the country and here in Wisconsin, it is unquestionable that this pandemic continues to threaten Wisconsinites and that the needs of healthcare workers are not being met,” Spreitzer added. “This is not acceptable, and it is not sustainable moving forward. I am proud of the work that went into this legislation. People throughout our communities have put up signs and banners in support of our healthcare heroes, and it is time for the legislature to go beyond words and give them the support they need and deserve.”

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