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## **Emergency Response Time Reduced**

**MADISON**— State Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green), along with Representative Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville), was on hand for the signing of Senate Bill 182 today in the State Capitol. The bill, authored by Marklein and Novak, seeks to allow important out-of-state ambulance service in portions of Lafayette County.

Residents in Southern Lafayette County have been utilizing the Warren Illinois Emergency Medical Services (EMS) since the 1970's in emergency situations. An issue arose, however, when the state Department of Health Services issued a memo determining out of state EMS providers would no longer be able to provide services because of a difference in licensing.

“In medical emergencies time is everything,” Marklein said. “State government paperwork should not stand in the way of life saving services in any circumstances. I was happy to work to see this bill become law for those that rely on emergency services that happen to be just a few miles across a state border.”

The bill, signed into law by Governor Scott Walker, allows a limited exemption from the requirement for licensure for an ambulance service in another state. Recently, Lafayette County Sheriff Reg Gill had joined Senator Marklein and Representative Novak to testify in support of the bill.

“Warren, Illinois is located about five minutes away from the Gratiot and South Wayne areas. The nearest Wisconsin based EMS to those communities is over 25 minutes away. That difference in time could save a life,” Marklein said. “I want to thank Sheriff Gill and the many residents of Lafayette County that made us aware of this, so we could take meaningful steps to address the issue.”

The bill was previously passed unanimously by both the Senate and Assembly.

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