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Sen. Testin Recognized for Efforts to Fix Wisconsin's Health Professional Shortage

American Association of Nurse Practitioners Presents Testin with 2022 State Award for Excellence

Madison: Senator Patrick Testin's efforts to eliminate barriers that limit the practice of Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) in Wisconsin have earned him the 2022 State Award for Excellence from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

APRNs are registered nurses who have completed a master's degree and hundreds of hours of clinical training, yet the State of Wisconsin continues to deny them the ability to practice to the full extent of their training.

Sen. Testin is the lead author of Senate Bill 394, which would correct this issue and lead to improved health care access in a state where more than one million people live in areas where health care professionals are in short supply.

"I'm committed to empowering professionals to utilize the full extent of their skillset and training," said Sen. Testin. "I'm grateful that these efforts to expand access to quality health care have earned the support of the AANP and of numerous health practitioners across Wisconsin."

Senate Bill 394 passed the State Senate last week and awaits Assembly approval.

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