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Testin's APRN bill passes Assembly, heads to governor's desk

MADISON, Wis. – Sen. Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) released the following statement after the state Assembly passed his bill that will increase access to quality health care in Wisconsin, paving the way for it to be sent to the desk of Gov. Tony Evers to be signed into law:

“More than one million Wisconsinites live in an area where health care professionals are in short supply, especially in our rural communities. We have 8,000 advanced practice registered nurses who are doing their part to close the gap and provide vital care to patients across Wisconsin, but current state law does not allow for them to practice to the fullest extent of their training. The APRN Modernization Act changes that by untying the hands of these qualified and dedicated professionals so they can perform the work they are trained to do.

“While more than 1,600 APRNs have contacted my office in support of the bill, the governor has made it clear from the beginning that he would veto the legislation in its original form. Knowing the positive impact the APRN Modernization Act will have on our residents who need timely and quality care, we compromised with the governor and introduced an amendment that reflected a number of his requested changes.

“Now that we have negotiated and passed bipartisan legislation, Gov. Evers no longer has an excuse to pull out his veto pen. The time is now for him to finally step up and sign the bill into law so we can give APRNs the respect they deserve and improve health care access for all of Wisconsin.”

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