

Rep. Rohrkaste: Governor signs multiple Rohrkaste bills

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Madison, WI - Today, Governor Walker signed into law four bills introduced by State Rep. Mike Rohrkaste (R-Neenah).

"I want to thank Governor Walker for recognizing the importance of this legislation," Representative Rohrkaste said. "Whether it's making it more feasible to restore aging buildings for useful purposes or making sure that our economy has the talented workforce it needs to continue to thrive, these bills will go a long way to help Wisconsin residents."

The Rohrkaste bills the Governor signed are:

Assembly Bill 811: Allocates \$6.8 million to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to work in conjunction with the Departments of Tourism, Workforce Development, and Veterans Affairs to attract and retain a talented workforce for the thousands of open career positions that exist throughout our state. These efforts will include advertising in surrounding states for people to move to Wisconsin, targeted efforts to keep college graduates here, and programs to employ military personnel whose service has ended.

Senate Bill 668: Raises the per-project cap under the Wisconsin's historic rehabilitation tax credit program from \$500,000 to \$3.5 million. The historic tax credit program is a vital tool for the redevelopment of historic areas across Wisconsin. Developers and local governments have successfully used it to help reinvigorate hundreds of historic structures. The new cap would help ensure the viability of countless projects across the state while still being fiscally responsible.

Senate Bill 695: Creates an exception to Wisconsin's tailgating laws for trucks equipped with the proper communications and radar technology to travel in "platoons". Platooning reduces aerodynamic drag and increases fuel efficiency. Fuel is a major portion of shipping costs, and platooning will help keep Wisconsin freight companies competitive.

Assembly Bill 608: Allows pharmacy technicians to provide services that fall within the practice of pharmacy under the direction, supervision, and inspection of licensed pharmacists. The bill legally recognizes common practices and improves services to nursing home, assisted living complexes, and correctional institutions. It also provides training opportunities for pharmacy students.