

Assembly approves 5G regulations

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A bill that would set standards and fees for wireless providers when they seek to install 5G infrastructure was approved by voice vote in the Assembly today.

The bill now heads to Gov. Tony Evers' desk after the Senate voted 25-5 to pass it earlier this month.

But the measure stirred up some controversy when it was considered on the Senate floor. Milwaukee Dem Sens. Tim Carpenter and Lena Taylor slammed the timeframe in which the bill had been taken up in this session, said the measure takes control away from local governments and highlighted potential health risks.

The bill's author, Rep. Mike Kuglitsch, said the bill was necessary because Wisconsin was quickly becoming "the hole in the donut" when it comes to 5G. The New Berlin Republican noted that all of the state's neighbors have already enacted similar measures.

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