

# Rep. Skowronski: Statement on Gov. Evers signing Sign Language Interpreter Licensure legislation into law

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**Madison** - Following Governor Tony Evers signing AB 250, now 2019 Wisconsin Act 17, into law, State Representative Ken Skowronski released this statement:

“This is a great step for us in Wisconsin. I am proud that AB 250 passed both houses of the Legislature unanimously, and I would like to especially thank my co-authors: Senator Testin, Representative Brostoff, Senator Johnson, and Representative Thiesfeldt for all of their hard work in getting this done. As this bill requires the State’s Department of Health Services to begin testing and licensing for sign language interpreters in Wisconsin, rather than having interpreters travel to Michigan to take the licensing exam, Act 17 will create jobs throughout the state, in areas big and small. Our bill will help ensure that jobs and families are kept here in Wisconsin. Most importantly, this legislation will bring greater communication access to a community that deserves to have their voices heard.”

*To learn more about Wisconsin Act 17, see any of the links listed below:*

<https://www.wpr.org/gov-tony-evers-signs-law-changing-sign-language-interpreter-certification>

<https://fox6now.com/2019/07/17/critical-first-step-gov-evers-signs-bill-to-reform-sign-language-interpreting-licensure-system/>

<http://www.milwaukeeindependent.com/articles/wisconsins-deaf-community-gain-expanded-protection-sign-language-bill-becomes-law/>