

Sen. Marklein: Governor signs four Marklein bills into law

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Madison, WI – Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) announced today that Governor Tony Evers signed four of his bills into law. The acts follow.

“These bills are good policy for the people of Wisconsin, especially the residents of the 17th Senate District who asked for these initiatives,” Marklein said. “I am honored to work on their behalf and am proud of our accomplishments in these bills becoming law. Despite negative assumptions about our work in the Capitol, these new laws are proof-positive that we are working on bi-partisan, positive policy to help the people we serve.”

ACT 90 – Assembly Bill (AB) 287, the Power of Attorney (POA) bill updates Wisconsin’s advanced directives and healthcare POA laws to recognize the ability of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physician assistants (PAs) to make professional, medical determinations. It also allows these same medical professionals to issue a Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) order following the request of a patient. This bill was initiated to acknowledge the reality that many patients utilize an APRN or PA for their primary care. In rural Wisconsin, this is a common occurrence. An APRN or PA is qualified to make these determinations.

ACT 91 – AB 445, a bill written at the request of Jordan Lutheran Church in Green County, makes a very narrow change to state law to allow historic churches to install stairway chairlifts for parishioners to access basement fellowship halls.

ACT 100 – Senate Bill (SB) 390 – creates an interstate license for Physical Therapists (PT) to be part of a PT Compact with other states. This bill, similar to the nurse and physician compact bills from previous sessions, allows Wisconsin-certified physical therapists to practice in 26 states, including Iowa. This helps Wisconsin healthcare

facilities to rapidly respond to the needs of their patients and improve access to care while giving physical therapists flexibility to work across state lines.

ACT 102 – SB 438 – adds the Farm Credit Administration to the list of priority lenders for certain classes of mortgage lenders. This helps Farm Credit by treating them the same as banks, credit unions and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Agency (WHEDA).