

Sen. Wirch: Recognizes Workers' Memorial Day, honors frontline workers

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Kenosha – Every year on April 28, International Workers' Memorial Day is held to remember and honor workers killed, disabled or injured in the workplace. Senator Bob Wirch (D-Somers) issued the following statement in observance of the day:

“On this Workers' Memorial Day, we honor and remember all of the men and women who have lost their lives or suffered injury on the job. This remembrance is especially important this year, during one of the worst worker safety emergencies in memory, as millions of workers across America, from health care workers to postal employees, from grocery store clerks to police officers, put themselves at risk every day. We all owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid and must commit to doing all we can to make workplaces safer during this pandemic and every day.”

COVID-19 relief legislation was recently passed by the State Legislature. Over the objection of Democrats, a last-minute amendment offered by Speaker Robin Vos and Assembly Republicans severely limited the ability of first responders and other frontline workers to get workers' compensation for COVID-19 exposure on the job.