

Rep. Considine: Statement on Physician Assistant Bill

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Madison – Today, Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) introduced LRB 0656 and LRB 1941 relating to the regulation of physician assistants (PAs). He is co-author of this bill with Representatives VanderMeer (R-Tomah) and Edming (R-Glen Flora) and Senators Bernier (R-Chippewa Falls), Kooyenga (R-Brookfield), and Pfaff (D-Onalaska). Rep. Considine issued the following statement following the introduction:

“Last session my colleagues and I worked hard to get a bill like this passed. The Assembly met and passed this bill on a voice vote. The bill was then sent to the Senate to be debated and voted on. Unfortunately, COVID-19 hit and the Senate never heard this bill on the floor.

“This bill would update the regulation of PAs and would allow these professionals to better utilize their expertise and education. This proposal would also allow employers more flexibility in how they are supervised. I am proud to once again co-author of this proposal. PAs provide much-needed healthcare – especially in rural communities like mine.”

LRB 0656 and 1941 are now circulating for co-sponsorship. Contact your representative today to urge them to sign on to this important proposal.