

Sen. Felzkowski: Statement on hearing on medical marijuana legislation

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Madison, WI – Today, Sen. Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) announced that the Committee on Insurance, Licensing and Forestry, which she chairs, will be holding a public hearing on her bill to create a Medical Marijuana program in Wisconsin:

“Illness does not discriminate; it affects people from all walks of life. Mothers, sons, veterans, co-workers, friends. There is no doubt that each and every one of us knows someone that has suffered through an illness and struggled to find a way to make it through each day. While there are often medications that doctors can prescribe to help combat these illnesses, many come with side effects that can make living a normal life much more difficult.

However, there is an alternative. Currently 37 other states, including our neighbors Michigan, Illinois, and Minnesota, have passed laws allowing patients with certain medical conditions to access medical marijuana. Medicine is never one-size-fits-all, and it’s time for Wisconsin to have the conversation on adding this additional option which may help patients find the relief they need.

I am excited for the opportunity to facilitate this discussion. I want to encourage every Wisconsinite who has an interest in this to come engage in the process, share your perspective, and learn about the bill. Whether you think the bill goes too far, or not far enough, what’s important is that we all come together to have an open, honest and respectful discussion about moving this idea forward.”

The hearing will begin at 10:00am on Wednesday, April 20th in Room 412 East in the Capitol.