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Bill Increasing Access to Immunizations Passes the Wisconsin State Assembly

MADISON – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed Assembly Bill 137, authored by Rep. Tony Kurtz and Sen. Patrick Testin. This bill would help to increase access to and affordability of immunizations for individuals.

Currently, in Wisconsin a pharmacist, or pharmacy student, can provide immunizations to individuals six years old and older. This bill eliminates the age restriction but calls for additional training for a pharmacist or pharmacy student to receive in order to administer the immunization to children under age six. The bill also requires there be a valid prescription for the immunization in order for the pharmacist to give it. And, finally, the bill calls for the pharmacist to update the patient’s record on the Wisconsin Immunization Registry.

“This bill is important because it gives people, especially people in a rural area like the 50th Assembly District, another way to obtain their immunizations,” said Rep. Kurtz.

AB 137 received bipartisan support and passed out of the Assembly Committee on Health unanimously. Today, it also passed the entire Wisconsin State Assembly unanimously. The next step is for it to receive a vote before the entire Wisconsin State Senate before heading to the Governor for signature.

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