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Assembly Votes to Remove Divorce Waiting Period

Madison, WI – The Wisconsin State Assembly passed legislation authored by Representative Cindi Duchow (R-Delafield) that eliminates the six month waiting period after a finalized divorce. Currently Wisconsin law mandates a minimum waiting period of 120 days before a divorce is finalized, then requires this additional six month waiting period as a ‘cooling off period’ before they can re-marry.

“This pro-marriage legislation removes government as a barrier in the way of a divorced persons rights and the freedom to live happily in a joined union,” Rep. Duchow said. “We should be supporting the personal decision of legally single individuals, not prohibiting them from marriage.”

Wisconsin is just one of six states that still mandates a waiting period after a finalized divorce before an individual is allowed to re-marry, and is tied with Oklahoma and Nebraska for the longest waiting period.

“This antiquated law isn’t preventing people from having children or living with someone else within this six month period,” Rep. Duchow said. “Recovering from a divorce looks different to each of the individuals involved, and government should get out of the way of people working to move forward in their lives.”

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Representative Duchow represents the 99th Assembly District which includes the communities of Chenequa, Delafield, Dousman, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, Oconomowoc Lake, Ottawa, and Wales; and portions of Genesee, North Prairie, Oconomowoc, and Summit.