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## **Wisconsin Legislature Bipartisan Coalition Releases Common Sense Marijuana Reform Legislation**

**Madison** – Representative Shae Sortwell (R-Gibson) released the following statement today regarding the circulation of his marijuana reform legislation, co-authored with Representative Ortiz-Velez (D-Milwaukee) and Senators Bernier (R-Chippewa Falls) and Taylor (D-Milwaukee):

“Simple possession of small amounts of marijuana should not result in one being sent to prison and risking their chances of employment for the rest of their life.”

Since 2010, an average of 15,485 [arrests](#) per year have been made in Wisconsin for possession of marijuana. Also during that time, many states around the country have passed marijuana reform, reducing penalties to some degree.

“It is time for Wisconsin to engage in the national discussion for common sense marijuana reform. I am pleased to lead the charge of the bipartisan coalition coming together and spearheading this legislation to move the state forward.”

Details on the bill have been circulated earlier this morning. The overall introduction of the bill includes about a dozen legislators from both parties. The deadline for co-sponsorship is Tuesday, November 23.

Representative Sortwell is available for comment.

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