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Rep. Callahan-Authored Legislation Passes Assembly

Proposals address local TID concerns, as well as the statewide physician shortage

[Madison, WI] – During Wednesday's Assembly floor session, two bipartisan pieces of legislation authored by Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) passed the Wisconsin State Assembly.

Assembly Bill (AB) 982 extends the life of Tax Incremental District (TID) #4 in the City of Antigo. TIDs allow a municipality to pay for public improvements and other eligible costs within a designated area, using the future taxes collected on the TID's increased property value to repay the cost of the improvements.

"TID #4 has done so much for Antigo in the last 20 years. The infrastructure built has helped CoVantage Credit Union and Sartori Cheese, among other local businesses, grow and create more jobs for the community," Rep. Callahan said. "Extending this TID gives the City the necessary time to repay their loans."

AB 954 allows fully licensed physicians who trained abroad and meet certain requirements to bypass the redundant residency requirement and practice in Wisconsin.

"Our country is facing an extreme physician shortage crisis – Wisconsin alone needs 2,000 more by 2030." Rep. Callahan stated. "This bill allows qualified physicians who already have a job offer, and are approved by the Medical Examining Board, to come to Wisconsin and serve our communities."

AB 982 was also passed by the Wisconsin State Senate, and now awaits Governor Evers' signature. AB 954 awaits a vote in the Senate.

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