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Wisconsin Society of Anesthesiologists Statement on SB 145 Veto

The Wisconsin Society of Anesthesiologists (WSA) commends Governor Tony Evers for vetoing SB 145, a bill that would have granted advanced practice nurses the ability to practice without physician involvement while lacking sufficient requirements for experience, training, guardrails on particular types of practice, and transparency in professional titles.

SB 145, as passed by the state legislature, puts patients at risk. Advanced practice nurses are a vital part of the healthcare team. But this bill harms a team-based approach and opens doors to areas of independent practice that, simply put, APRNs should never be doing without physician oversight.

The WSA has continually worked towards compromise on this legislation and will continue to do so. We believe the opportunity was there this session for such compromise, but it was missed.

Thus, we are thankful for Governor Evers' veto and his commitment to protecting patients and ensuring transparency among healthcare providers in Wisconsin.

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