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State Assembly Passes Bipartisan HOPE Agenda Bills

Madison--State Representative John Nygren, author of 30 bipartisan bills aimed at combating substance abuse in Wisconsin released the following statement:

“The bipartisan bills approved by the Assembly today will help save more lives and connect those who suffer from addiction with the treatment they need,” said Rep. Nygren. “We’ve taken important steps to get people out of the active drug use cycle. Getting out of this cycle is the first step to recovery, and I believe these proposals will be the lifeline individuals suffering from substance abuse need.”

The package of bills that were approved today will build upon prior work and continue prior progress, while at the same time expanding the scope of the HOPE agenda to address addiction in multiple facets. The bills will accomplish the following:

- Expand access to safe and reliable recovery housing;
- Ensure state employees protections while undergoing Medication-Assisted Treatment;
- Extend the highly successful PDMP requirements;
- Expand access to MAT in our corrections environments;
- Remove barriers to Recovery Coaches; and,
- Extend the 911 Good Samaritan law to continue to save lives

“The ultimate goal is to save lives and help as many people as possible on their road to recovery,” said Rep. Nygren. “We have come a long way, but there is still more work to be done. I look forward to continuing a strong partnership with the medical community, law enforcement, my fellow elected officials, and recovery advocates as we continue fighting this epidemic.”

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