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## **Bill to Recognize Tribal Identification Cards Moves to the Governor**

**Madison, WI...** Today, a bill authored by Representative Jeffrey Mursau (R- Crivitz) and Senator Jerry Petrowski (R-Marathon) allowing the use of tribal identification cards for a variety of state purposes, passed out of the state Assembly and moves on to the Governor's desk. The bill was passed unanimously on the same day as the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the Tribes Address.

“As Chair of the State-Tribal relations committee, I heard first-hand accounts of the many obstacles members of our tribal nations face on a daily basis,” expressed Mursau. “Allowing the use of a Tribal ID is especially important for our elder tribal members who no longer drive, but need identification to pick up necessary medications. I’m thankful to my colleagues in the state Assembly for passing this important bill and I’m hopeful the governor will sign this bill into law.”

Senate Bill 488 allows the use of tribal identification cards for picking up prescription medications, purchasing alcohol, purchasing cigarettes or tobacco products, selling scrap, selling antiques, and selling secondhand articles to a pawnbroker. The Federal Government already accepts a tribal identification card as an acceptable form of ID for passports and proof of identification for voting.

“I am proud to author a bill that directly addresses a problem tribal member’s face every day,” said Senator Petrowski. “I am hopeful the Governor will sign this promptly into law for the tribal communities in Wisconsin.”

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