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## Five Kapenga Bills Advance in State Senate

**Madison, WI** —Senator Chris Kapenga (R - Delafield) issued the following release after five bills he authored advanced through the State Senate on Wednesday:

[Senate Bill 541](#) requires the Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct “Sunrise Review” reports on newly proposed occupational licenses. Under the bill, the reports must include whether there is any harm or endangerment to the public from the unregulated practice of the profession, the economic effects of licensing, other states’ laws, and the least restrictive regulation that will effectively protect the public.

“Sunrise reports are a useful tool to ensure legislators understand the full impact of licensing before they vote. This bill will help curb unnecessary regulations designed to fence people out instead of actually protecting public safety.”

Senate Bill 541 now awaits action by the State Assembly.

[Assembly Bill 731](#) improves license reciprocity for military families in Wisconsin by allowing service-members, their spouses, and recently discharged veterans to automatically receive their initial license if they are licensed in another state.

“Over the years, states have enacted arbitrary barriers to licensure, a practice that disproportionately affects military families due to the transitory nature of their job. This bill will make it easier for military families that move to Wisconsin to find gainful employment during and after their time in the service.”

Assembly Bill 731 now heads to Governor Evers’ desk for action.

[Senate Bill 769](#) is designed to address the problems of vehicle theft, reckless driving, and fleeing an officer. First, the bill increases penalties for reckless driving, fleeing an officer, and vehicle theft. For prosecutors looking to amend or drop the above listed charges, they must submit a petition to the court. The court may only approve the application if they find it is in the public interest of deterring those crimes. The bill also imposes a 30-day mandatory minimum for vehicle theft and allows courts to require an individual to attend a victim impact panel as part of their sentence.

“Reckless driving and car thefts have been a major issue not only in Milwaukee County but also across the state with car thefts increasing in 8 of the 10 most populous counties. Unfortunately, these crimes are often

intertwined and regularly end with tragic consequences. This bill is a prudent step towards ensuring safer communities.”

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[Assembly Bill 26](#) protects and affirms the ability for patients to access Direct Primary Care (DPC), a model of care whereby patients get unlimited primary care services for a low, monthly subscription fee. Direct Primary Care is an increasingly popular free market model of care that puts the physician/patient relationship at the forefront of healthcare.

“Consumers are increasingly frustrated with our over-priced and broken healthcare system. DPC is one of the rare instances where the patient can pay less and get more which is why more than 26 states and the federal government have embraced it. I am hopeful that Governor Evers will join us in protecting a patient’s right to choose an innovative healthcare delivery model. ”

Assembly Bill 26 now heads to Governor Evers’ desk for action.

[Assembly Bill 808](#) requires a prosecutor to apply to the court if they are seeking to dismiss or amend charges of a violent felon illegally in possession of a firearm.

“Instead of passing new gun laws that target law abiding citizens, we need to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law violent felons who have no business owning a gun. Sadly, these individuals are too often getting off with little or no jail time. By adding this additional scrutiny to the process, we can focus on keeping the repeat offenders who commit a majority of these crimes off the streets.”

Assembly Bill 808 now heads to Governor Evers’ desk for action.

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*Senator Kapenga represents the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District, which covers most of central Waukesha County and Lake Country.*