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Rep. Thiesfeldt's 'Fight Human Trafficking' Bill Passes the Assembly

Madison – Today, Representative Thiesfeldt's 'Fight Human Trafficking – Trucker Education' bill, passed the full State Assembly on a unanimous voice vote. The bill, Assembly Bill 22, will train all new truck drivers in Wisconsin in the signs of human trafficking. This bill is expected to be monumental, saving the lives of girls and helping law enforcement catch the perpetrators.

“Human trafficking is a heinous crime that is occurring all across Wisconsin,” said Rep. Thiesfeldt. “In just about one year alone, 100 child and youth sex trafficking cases were confirmed in our state. Sadly, the actual number of underage victims is much larger, due to unreported cases of this crime. Too many young girls and women are being held hostage, victims of pimps, being tortured and forced to do the unthinkable.”

“I am proud to lead this bill with Senator LaTonya Johnson,” stated Rep. Thiesfeldt. “Assembly Bill 22 will give truck drivers the tools and information they need to help be heroes on our highways. I am excited to hear about all the good that will come about once this bill is signed into law and implemented.”

Rep. Thiesfeldt's 'Fight Human Trafficking – Trucker Education' bill, AB 22, is now making its way through the legislative bill-making process. It is expected to receive a vote in the State Senate in the near future. To learn more about the positive effects this legislation will have, feel free to visit Truckers Against Trafficking at <https://truckersagainstrafficking.org/>. For more information on human trafficking, the federal Office of Justice's website has some eye-opening information available at <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking/publicawareness.html>.

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