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Assembly Approves Rural Fire & EMS Reforms Package

Madison, WI – Yesterday, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed a few bi-partisan rural health bills authored by Rep. Jesse Kremer (R-Kewaskum). These bills, all part of his “Rural Fire & EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Reforms” package, came from a 2016 Legislative Council Rural Fire & EMS Study Committee Rep. Kremer served as Vice Chair of. This committee, comprised of legislative and civilian members, identified, addressed and vetted a series of reforms that the state could provide our rural public safety agencies.

The focus of the Legislative Council Committee was access to training, recruiting and retention challenges and additional flexibilities. One of Rep. Kremer’s goals was to identify reforms that increase public safety without increasing the financial burden to local and state taxpayers, and AB310, AB311, and AB356 all soundly accomplish this.

Upon passage of the rural health package, Rep. Kremer issued the following statement, *“I am proud to have had the opportunity to research the concerns of our rural EMS and Fire agencies during the summer of 2016. Providing a voice to rural volunteers and agencies, often left in the shadow of their full time counterparts, is a privilege and responsibility I am proud to champion as an EMS volunteer myself. I am certain that these bills will provide additional flexibility to many of our struggling EMS providers who have a desire to provide a higher level of service to the public, but do not always have the ability or funding to do so.”*

For more information....

[Rural EMS Levels of Service](#) bill language

[EMS FAP State Aid](#) bill language

[EMS Flexible Refresher Education](#) bill language

Rep. Kremer represents the 59th Assembly District which includes Southern Calumet, Western Sheboygan, Northern Washington and Eastern Fond du Lac Counties. Rep. Kremer’s office will continue to be located at 17 West in the Wisconsin State Capitol, and he can be reached at (608) 266-9175 or by e-mail at Rep.Kremer@legis.wisconsin.gov. His legislative website can be found at www.RepKremer.com.

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