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Rep. Dave Considine Co-Sponsors Bill to Decriminalize Marijuana

Madison – This morning, Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) stood at a press conference with Rep. Shelia Stubbs, Rep. David Crowley, Sen. Fred Risser, and Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes to introduce a new bill which would decriminalize possession of marijuana for any amount weighing 28 grams or less.

“Currently the criminalization of marijuana accounts for an overwhelming amount of arrests both in Wisconsin and around the country,” said Rep. Considine. “This bill would go a long way to decrease the disproportionate number of Wisconsinites of color that are arrested for this non-violent offense. Our citizens should not lose the right to be with their families, have a job, or positively contribute to our society in other ways because of small amounts of marijuana.”

“Constituents in my district and people across the state of Wisconsin believe that it is time to reform our criminal justice system. This bill does that by decreasing the amount of non-violent offenders who are in jail. It is time for Wisconsin to pass legislation which will have a positive impact on our communities, especially communities of color.”

This legislation is now being circulated for co-sponsorship. After co-sponsorship, the bill will be formally introduced in the Senate and Assembly.

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