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## **Two Loudenbeck Public Safety Bills Advance**

**Madison** – Today, two bills authored by State Representative Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) passed the State Senate with bipartisan support and now head to Governor Evers.

Assembly Bill 427 makes changes to current law, as requested by the Department of Health Services, so that communities in Wisconsin can apply for a new and innovative federal pilot program called ET3 which stands for Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport. ET3 is a voluntary, five-year payment model that will provide greater flexibility to ambulance care teams to address the immediate medical needs of Medicare beneficiaries following a 911 call.

“I am excited about this bill as it will allow Wisconsin communities to apply for the ET3 pilot. If approved for the ET3 pilot, emergency responders, in consultation with a physician, may determine a patient can be best served at an urgent care or other non-acute care setting. As we know, emergency room visits are expensive, and may not always be the right place for someone calling 911 to receive the care they need. The pilot will provide data on patient outcomes and potential cost savings to help inform future EMS and health care related policy decisions.

Assembly Bill 471 requires the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to start the rulemaking process for a grant program for Public Safety Answering Point (PSAPs) to purchase, update, and maintain Next Generation-911 (NG-911) equipment. NG-911 is an initiative aimed at updating the 911 service infrastructure to improve public emergency communications services in a wireless mobile society. In addition to 911 voice capabilities, NG-911 intends to enable the public to transmit text, images, video, and data to a 911 center.

“The public expects PSAPs to do a lot of things they simply can’t with the equipment they have. The technology involved in updating PSAPs is going to be expensive, however the enhanced capabilities of NG-911 may result in a need for fewer total PSAPs overall. While the strategy for statewide NG-911 implementation is still in development, the bill requires DMA and the 911 Subcommittee to start the rule-making process with the expectation that grant programs will be funded in the next budget.”

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