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GOP Weekly Radio Address: Fighting for Tougher Repeat Drunk Driving Penalties

MADISON –Rep. Jim Ott (R-Mequon) delivers this week’s GOP radio address about the Assembly Democrats’ refusal to take up a bill increasing the penalties for 5th and 6th offense drunk driving.

I’m Representative Jim Ott from Mequon. This week, Assembly Republicans tried to move a bill forward in the quest to make our roads safer.

We attempted to take up a bill that requires a mandatory minimum confinement of 18 months in prison, for fifth and sixth offense operating while intoxicated.

Unfortunately, the Assembly Democrats refused to allow a vote even though it passed the State Senate on a bipartisan voice vote.

It’s estimated that nearly 2,000 arrests are made for driving under the influence every month.

We’ve passed other bills aimed at curbing drunk driving. Recently, the Legislature passed a bill that requires someone convicted of homicide while driving intoxicated, to serve a minimum of five years in prison

Other bills working their way through the legislative process will increase the statute of limitations for first through third offense operating while intoxicated and require first time offenders to personally appear in court.

The goal of all of these bills is to provide a deterrent to drunk driving, thus making our roads, safer.

I call on the Democrats in the Assembly to support this bill in the near future. And I call on Governor Evers to sign it, along with the others, when they reach his desk.

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