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Assembly to Vote to Override Governor's CNA Veto

MADISON – Today, Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) announced that the body will vote later this week to override Governor Evers' veto of [Assembly Bill 76](#) – bipartisan legislation aimed at reducing the shortage of Certified Nursing Assistants. Despite [receiving support from a wide variety of caregiver groups](#) and [a number of Assembly Democrats](#), Evers vetoed the legislation in November.

“It’s a shame that Governor Evers couldn’t see the forest for the trees on this issue, failing to understand that this bipartisan bill would’ve brought much needed relief to so many of our elderly throughout the state,” said Majority Leader Steineke. “Once again, our governor showed that if it’s not a critical issue for Madison or Milwaukee, it’s not a critical issue for him.”

In May of last year, AB 76 [received 66 votes](#) – gaining the support of Reps. Doyle (D-Onalaska), Meyers (D-Bayfield) and Vruwink (D-Milton) and securing the two-thirds majority needed for a veto override. The vetoed policy would have reduced the number of required training hours to become a CNA in Wisconsin to match the federal requirement, shared by our neighboring states of Minnesota, Iowa, and Michigan.

In particular, northern and rural communities in Wisconsin are struggling to find enough CNAs to meet the growing demand. Representatives from districts that would have greatly benefited from the signing of AB 76, including the bill’s author, Rep. Warren Petryk (R-Town of Washington), and Reps. Rick Gundrum (R-Slinger), Gae Magnafici (R-Dresser), Romaine Quinn (R-Barron), and Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) have all requested the Assembly take up a veto override vote to right this wrong.

“Ensuring that our most vulnerable receive the care they need is not a partisan issue – it’s only commonsense,” continued Majority Leader Steineke. “On Wednesday, we’ll again provide an opportunity for our members to demonstrate that they’re above partisan politics and cast a vote to reaffirm what is truly right – providing care for those in need.”

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