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Senator Jacque Champions Licensing Reform Bills

(Madison, WI) Senator André Jacque (R – De Pere) had seven bipartisan bills signed into law yesterday, with two reforming occupational licensing, Assembly Bill 731, and Senate Bill 684. Both of these reforms cut government red tape without impacting any consumers.

Assembly Bill 731 entitles service members, former service members discharged within the prior four years, and spouses of service members to obtain a reciprocal occupational license in Wisconsin. Labor statistics show that military and veteran spouses have an unemployment rate roughly four times greater than the general adult population despite many holding licenses and credentials from other states where their family was deployed, particularly in healthcare and education.

“When our military personnel are considering where to retire, I want to make Wisconsin their first choice. AB 731 removes some of the barriers that exist when it comes to occupational licenses that they or their spouse may hold.” Senator Jacque said.

Senate Bill 684 cuts long standing red tape that prevents dairy transporters with out of state milk weighing licenses from weighing milk in Wisconsin without a separate license. Now, a person who is licensed by an agricultural agency of another state to take samples of milk can legally weigh bulk milk.

“I’m thrilled to champion reforms that cut back on licensing red tape, especially when there is no negative impact for consumers. With both of these bills signed, Wisconsin will become a more welcoming state for those looking to move with occupational licensing.”

Senator André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin’s First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.

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