



# Wisconsin Medical Society

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## **State’s Largest Physician Organization Praises Governor’s Action to Protect Patient Safety**

*The following statement regarding Gov. Tony Evers’ veto of 2023 Senate Bill 145 can be attributed to Wisconsin Medical Society President Don Lee, MD:*

Madison, WI — “We agree with Governor Tony Evers’ decision to veto this APRN legislation. The bill the Legislature passed lacked the minimum levels of patient protections we believe are needed for a state to move toward allowing independent nursing health care practice. Every Wisconsin patient deserves to know that an independent nurse practitioner has spent a reasonable minimum number of years training and gaining experience, will properly collaborate with a qualified physician if pain medicine is needed, and will not be misled by confusing and potentially deceptive advertising.

“While we continue to advocate for physician-led health care teams, we appreciate Governor Evers’ willingness to find a fair and reasonable path forward on APRN legislation that could have been signed into law. Unfortunately, this APRN legislation fell short.”

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