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Governor Evers Sides with Lobbyists over Nurses

MADISON, WIS. — Today, Governor Tony Evers vetoed Senate Bill 145, otherwise known as the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Modernization Act. State Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R-Fox Crossing), a nurse practitioner, released the following statement.

“The message the governor sends today is clear: lobbyist cash matters more to him than the thousands of nurses caring for their patients across Wisconsin,” said Sen. Cabral-Guevara.

The APRN Modernization Act would have allowed nurses to practice independently without the need for a collaborative agreement with a physician. Since the 2021-22 session, the bill authors compromised in several areas:

- Increased the required supervised practice to three years (up from two years) prior to independent practice
- Added independent nurse practitioners to the Patient Compensation Fund
- Attempted to provide protections for physician titles, which was met with bi-partisan opposition

“As nurses, we provide quality, affordable care to our patients—clearly, the governor does not value that. Forcing people to choose more expensive, less accessible health care plays with people’s lives and livelihoods, and I am dumbfounded why the governor chose that path today.”

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