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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 394 in its entirety.


This bill creates a new license for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), administered by the Board of Nursing attached to the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

Nurses are essential to our healthcare system, patient care, and ensuring we have healthy communities in Wisconsin. Indeed, look no further than the last few years, during which nurses across our state have worked tirelessly on the frontlines during this pandemic—acts of selflessness and service for which we can never fully express our gratitude.

I recognize there are many individuals who support this legislation and others who do not, each with important stories, considerations, and concerns. I respect the many people and professions on both sides of this conversation. Unfortunately, the bill ultimately before me today does not address some of the issues raised by parties in the medical profession that went unremedied during the legislative process. I am therefore vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to altering current licensure standards for APRNs, allowing practices functionally equivalent to those of physicians or potentially omitting physicians from a patient's care altogether notwithstanding significant differences in required education, training, and experience.

I have appreciated the opportunity to give this thoughtful consideration and I welcome continuing the conversations on this important issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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Governor