

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

July 9, 2021

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 293** in its entirety.

The bill would criminalize a person enforcing or attempting to enforce certain federal firearm laws and would require firearm manufacturers in this state to stamp "Made in Wisconsin" on firearms.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety for several reasons. First, this bill is not permitted by the United States Constitution. Under Article VI, the United States Constitution and the laws made pursuant to it are the "supreme law of the land," and this bill purports to nullify the enforcement of federal law. I am also concerned that by giving citizens conflicting directives and criminalizing noncompliance, this bill may also violate citizens' due process rights. Additionally, I object to the confusion that the bill could cause among the public and law enforcement officers, which could pose a detriment to public and community safety.

When I called a special session of the Legislature on gun safety in October 2019, I stressed that Wisconsinites desperately want their elected leaders to take action on gun safety and support having meaningful, thoughtful dialogue about common-sense solutions that will both respect and uphold rights while keeping our communities safe. These goals are not mutually exclusive, and I welcome constructive conversations to that end.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor