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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 273 in its entirety. The bill makes a variety of important changes to the regulation of podiatrists in Wisconsin. While the bill intended to expand the list of health care providers who can diagnose an illness or injury for Department of Veterans Affairs purposes to include podiatrists, due to a drafting error, the bill inadvertently limits the health care providers to those acting within the scope of a podiatrist's license.

I support the intent of the legislation, but to avoid potential delays in the certification of a physical or mental illness injury for needy veterans to qualify for grants from the Department of Veterans Affairs, I am vetoing the bill in its entirety. I look forward to signing the companion Senate Bill 191 once this error has been corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor