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### **Rep. Sargent: Upskirting Bill Passes Senate Unanimously**

MADISON – A bill co-authored by Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) with Representative Jim Ott (R-Mequon) passed unanimously out of the State Senate today. If signed into law, AB8 would create a felony offense for the act of “upskirting”—using a camera or video recording device to take photos or videos up a person’s skirt or underneath a person’s clothing without their knowledge or consent – closing a loophole in state law. Rep. Sargent released the following statement:

“This bill ensures that victims in our communities will have recourse and justice in the future. No one should feel unsafe when grocery shopping or riding on a bus,” Rep. Sargent stated. “Due to advances in technology, upskirting has become a serious issue all over Wisconsin, and I am glad that the legislature has taken action to address it this session. I will continue to fight for our friends and neighbors right to privacy and public safety.”

Sargent called on the Governor to act swiftly in signing the bill into law to close this legislative loophole, “Addressing upskirting in our committees isn’t a partisan issue—it’s something we can all agree on.”

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