

State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Bill 546

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2023 WISCONSIN ACT 204

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 45.51 (4); and *to create* 45.51 (4) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** admission of spouses at veterans homes.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 45.51 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 45.51 (4) (am), and 45.51 (4) (am) (intro.) and 3., as renumbered, are amended to read:

45.51 (4) (am) (intro.) -A- Except as provided in par. (bm), a spouse of an eligible person under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. is eligible only if the spouse meets the requirements of sub. (2) (b) 3. to 5. and if all of the following apply:

3. A spouse of an eligible person under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. by virtue of a marriage that was void when entered into but validated under s. 765.21 before applying for admission shall, for the purpose of this ~~subsection~~ paragraph and sub. (6), be considered married to the eligible person under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. from the date the marriage was entered into.

SECTION 2. 45.51 (4) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

45.51 (4) (bm) A spouse of an eligible person under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. is eligible if the spouse meets the requirements of sub. (2) (b) 2. to 5., and the spouse had lived with the person for not less than 6 months immediately before making application for the membership. Separation from the spouse necessitated by reason of employment, hospitalization, or because of a physical or mental disability of either spouse shall not be taken to constitute an interruption of the 6-month period under this paragraph. A spouse of an eligible person under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. by virtue of a marriage that was void when entered into but validated under s. 765.21 before applying for admission shall, for the purpose of this paragraph and sub. (6), be considered married to the eligible person under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. from the date the marriage was entered into.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."