



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 210**  
[2009 Senate Bill 617]

**Privilege for Communications to  
Veteran Mentors**

*2009 Wisconsin Act 210* creates an evidentiary privilege against disclosure of communications made by a veteran to a veteran mentor. That is, a person will have a privilege to refuse to disclose, and to prevent another from disclosing, a confidential communication by the person to a veteran mentor. The privilege may be claimed by the person making the communication, by certain representatives of the person, or by the veteran mentor to whom the communication is made.

The term “veteran mentor” is defined to mean an individual who is a veteran, is authorized by a circuit court judge to provide assistance and advice in a veterans mentoring program, has successfully completed judicially approved training, and has completed a background information form approved by a circuit court judge. A “veterans mentoring program” is a program approved by a circuit court judge to provide assistance and advice about court-related matters to veterans and current members of the Armed Forces.

**Effective date:** The Act takes effect on May 6, 2010.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.