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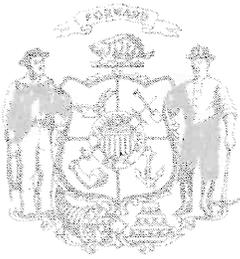
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Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 12:05 PM
To: Kuesel, Jeffery
Cc: Gibson-Glass, Mary
Subject: Bill Drafting Request
Attachments: Military ID Card Press Release.doc

Dear Jeff,

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Sincerely,

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE 61ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 22, 2012

Contact: State Rep. Robert Turner
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Turner Backs Expansion of Military Identification Under State's New Voter ID Law

MADISON, WI – State Representative Robert Turner (D-Racine) announced today that he will be introducing legislation to allow all military ID cards and United States Department of Veterans' Affairs (USDVA) cards as allowable forms of identification for voters under the requirements of the new Voter ID law.

"I believe that everyone who has served their country should be allowed to use their photo military ID card or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs card as a form of identification for voting purposes, and that includes all who have served in our country's armed forces at any time," stated Turner.

"Yesterday, Mr. Gil Parr called my office and told me he was turned away from his polling place when he showed his USDVA card," said Turner. Parr was featured in today's *Journal Times*, and said he was shocked to learn that a USDVA card was not an acceptable form of identification. "Basically I was trying to make a point," said Parr. "I gave them four years of my life, why shouldn't I be able to use my vet's card?"

Representative Turner said he will get the bill drafted in time for introduction during the current Floorperiod of the Legislature, which ends in early May. He hopes the bill can gain approval and be signed into law before the Legislature adjourns for the year.

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From: McAdams, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 12:06 PM
To: Kuesel, Jeffery; Gibson-Glass, Mary
Subject: FW: Veteran ID Card Issue
Attachments: Various military IDs

From: Trepanier, Michael [mailto:Michael.Trepanier@dva.state.wi.us]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 3:24 PM
To: McAdams, Nancy
Cc: Johns, Jason E - DVA; Scocos, John - DVA
Subject: Veteran ID Card Issue

Dear Nancy,

Thanks for calling today on behalf of Representative Bob Turner. To recap, we discussed the following article: http://www.journaltimes.com/article_03e78de0-5cf8-11e1-a5e2-001871e3ce6c.html. We also discussed whether the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has anything to do with uniformed service identification cards – which I verified is something we have nothing to do with.

Nonetheless, I coincidentally communicated (see attachment) with the GAB over the issue of uniformed service identification cards on February 20, 2012. After having a phone conversation with Diane Lowe, of the GAB, I sent her the following hyperlink: <http://www.cac.mil/uniformed-services-id-card/>. On that link, it shows all the different uniformed service identification cards the US government issues. The reason I sent that link to her is that the current GAB publication (http://gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/publication/137/uniformed_services_id_card_pdf_82073.pdf) does not show the full spectrum of cards poll workers should accept. She verified in her response that the GAB is working to remedy that situation in the future.

However, on the current GAB publication, as you know, it clearly shows that Veteran IDs are not acceptable forms of photo IDs for voting purposes. If you contact the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital (<http://www.madison.va.gov/contact/>), I know they actually provide the actual Veteran ID card that Gregory Shaver used. The staff at the VA Hospital may be able to assist you with a description of what information is on the actual ID card.

I hope this helps. Also, for future legislative inquiries, please contact Deputy Secretary Jason Johns (266-2256). He is the WDVA's primary legislative liaison and I am his back-up. Thanks again, Nancy, and it's always a pleasure to work with you on veterans' issues.

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From: Lowe, Diane - GAB
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 4:01 PM
To: Trepanier, Michael - DVA
Subject: Various military IDs

Mr. Trepanier,

We are currently working on an index of acceptable voter IDs, which will include each type of military ID. This will be posted on the bringit.wisconsin.gov site as well as the G.A.B. website.

Thank you for calling this to our attention.

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From: Trepanier, Michael [<mailto:Michael.Trepanier@dva.state.wi.us>]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 5:58 PM
To: Lowe, Diane - GAB
Subject:

<http://www.cac.mil/uniformed-services-id-card/>

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From: McAdams, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 1:21 PM
To: Kuesel, Jeffery; Gibson-Glass, Mary
Subject: Vet's poll protest leads to proposed legislation - Rep. Turner asking that VA cards be acceptable for voting

http://www.journaltimes.com/news/local/vet-s-poll-protest-leads-to-proposed-legislation--/article_53f82588-5db1-11e1-9a81-0019bb2963f4.html?print=1

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 JournalTimes.com

Vet's poll protest leads to proposed legislation - Rep. Turner asking that VA cards be acceptable for voting

CARA SPOTO cara.spoto@journaltimes.com | Posted: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 5:57 pm

RACINE — A local veteran's protest could lead to changes in what IDs poll workers accept under the state's new voter ID law.

Mount Pleasant resident and Air Force veteran Gil Paar went to his polling place, Peace Lutheran Church, 1619 N. Newman Rd., Tuesday to vote in the primary election and when asked for ID he pulled out his U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs card. When poll workers said the photo ID wasn't an acceptable form of identification Paar was mystified. They asked him to provide his driver's license, but he refused. He left the church without voting.

Moments later Paar was on the phone with representatives for U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl and state Rep. Robert Turner of Racine describing what happened.

Paar, 69, said he was troubled to learn that the card, which he uses to receive his VA benefits, wasn't acceptable.

So was Turner.

On Wednesday morning the Democrat announced he is introducing legislation to make sure U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs cards can be used to vote.

The current voter ID law requires voters to present a driver's license, state ID, passport, military ID, naturalization papers or tribal ID in order to vote. A photo ID from a college or university can be used but it must have an issuance and expiration date, and a signature. In order to use the ID to vote, a student must also provide a document proving current enrollment.

"I believe that everyone who has served their country should be allowed to use their ... U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs card as a form of identification for voting purposes," Turner said in a press release. "That includes all who have served in our country's armed forces at any time."

A Vietnam veteran, Turner said he was moved to introduce the measure after being told by Paar that he knows there are veterans whose only form of ID is a USDVA card.

He plans to have the bill drafted and ready for consideration before the Legislature's current session ends in early May.

Paar said Wednesday that he is "very impressed" by how quickly Turner reacted to his concerns.

When asked why lawmakers didn't pick VA cards as an acceptable form of ID in the original bill, Michael Pyritz, legislative staffer for lead sponsor Rep. Jeff Stone, R-Greendale, said Stone and others never heard from people who wanted the cards included.

"I sat through the entire public hearing, and I don't remember anybody bringing that up," Pyritz said.

He added that clerks had told legislators they would prefer a "smaller list."

"Do we add another ID? We are not against the idea," he said. "When the bill was being drafted we were trying to limit the number, not expand it."

Government Accountability Board spokesman Reid Magney said Wednesday that the department's help desk has heard from a number of people who have said they think VA cards should be accepted.

Paar isn't the only person happy to hear about the legislation. Fellow veteran George Miller, 69, of Racine is also pleased.

Miller, a disabled Vietnam vet, said Wednesday that he was able to use his VA card to vote without incident at Goodland School, 4800 Graceland Blvd. Like Paar, he had a driver's license, but decided to present his VA card instead.

"If (my VA) card ain't good enough to use then forget about it," he said.



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE

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2011 BILL

Fri 2/24

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1 AN ACT *to create* 5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of veterans
2 identification cards as proof of identification for voting.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain exceptions, an individual who votes in an election must present proof of identification in order to vote. The proof may consist of one of a number of documents specified by law that contains the name of the individual to whom the document was issued, which name conforms to the individual's voter registration, if the individual is registered to vote, and with limited exceptions, that contains a photograph of the individual. With certain exceptions, an individual who casts an absentee ballot by mail must enclose a copy of his or her proof of identification in the envelope containing his or her ballot.

This bill permits a veterans identification card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to be used as proof of identification if the card contains the name of the person to whom it is issued and a photograph of the individual.

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

3 SECTION 1. 5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
4 5.02 (6m) (g) A veterans identification card issued by the veterans health
5 administration of the U. S. department of veterans affairs.

Godwin, Gigi

From: McAdams, Nancy

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 11:28 AM

To: LRB.Legal

Subject: Draft Review: LRB 11-4176/1 Topic: Veterans benefit ID cards may be used for voter identification

Please Jacket LRB 11-4176/1 for the ASSEMBLY.