



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 30
[2015 Senate Bill 95]

**Falsely Claiming Military Service
or Honors**

2015 Wisconsin Act 30 provides that it is a Class A misdemeanor for a person to knowingly, and with the intent to receive a tangible benefit, falsely claim either:

- That he or she is or was a service member in the military; or
- That he or she has been awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor, a Distinguished Service Cross, a Navy Cross, an Air Force Cross, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, a Combat Infantryman's Badge, a Combat Action Medal, or a Special Operations Identifier or Special Qualification or Skill Identifier, as authorized by Congress or pursuant to federal law for the U.S. armed forces.

The Act also provides that a person who falsely makes any of these claims with the intent to commit or aid or abet the commission of another crime is guilty of a Class H felony.

Effective date: 2015 Wisconsin Act 30 took effect on July 3, 2015.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.