



State of Wisconsin
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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 591

October 26, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, BILLINGS, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, FIELDS, GOYKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, KOLSTE, MASON, OHNSTAD, POPE, SINICKI, SPREITZER, C. TAYLOR, VRUWINK, WACHS, ZAMARRIPA and BARCA, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, VINEHOUT, HANSEN, LARSON, RINGHAND and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 13.94 (1) (bv) of the statutes; **relating to:** receiving reports of
2 mismanagement, abuse, or neglect at state veterans homes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Legislative Audit Bureau to maintain a toll-free telephone number for the purpose of receiving reports of mismanagement, abuse, or neglect at the state veterans homes from the veterans homes' employees, residents, or families of residents. Under the bill, the LAB is required to conduct an investigation of the report or refer the report to a department to conduct the investigation. The bill requires the LAB to keep the identity of any informant confidential unless the informant expressly agrees to the release of records that reveal the informant's identity. Except as necessary to complete an investigation, the LAB must keep confidential a report, an investigation of that report, and any information from that investigation until the investigation is complete.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 13.94 (1) (bv) of the statutes is created to read:
4 13.94 (1) (bv) 1. Maintain a toll-free telephone number with voice mail at the
5 bureau's office to receive reports of any mismanagement, abuse, or neglect at state

