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CHAPTER 667

AN ACT to amend 45.35 (1), as amended by chapter 532, laws of 1957, 45.35 (5a) (intro. par.), as repealed and recreated by chapter 365, laws of 1957, 45.352 (1), 45.37 (9), as renumbered by chapter 303 and amended by chapter 498, laws of 1957, and 45.396 (3) of the statutes, relating to clarification and elimination of ambiguities in the definition of veterans and their benefits.

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

SECTION 1. 45.35 (1) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 532, laws of 1957, is amended to read:

45.35 (1) The legislature declares that it is the policy of the state to give health, educational and economic assistance to veterans of the armed forces of the United States in World War II and the Korean conflict, and their dependents, who are bona fide residents of this state as defined in sub. (5a) (f) and (g), such assistance to be to such extent and under such conditions as is determined by the board within the limitations hereinafter set forth. A liberal construction of this section is intended.

SECTION 2. 45.35 (5a) (intro. par.) of the statutes, as repealed and recreated by chapter 365, laws of 1957, is amended to read:

45.35 (5a) (intro. par.) "Veteran" as used in this chapter, except in ss. 45.045 (4), 45.21 and 45.30 and unless otherwise restricted, means any

person who served under honorable conditions in the active military or naval service of the United States for 90 days or more during a war period, as enumerated below, or if having served less than 90 days was honorably discharged for disability incurred in line of duty * * *, who has lived continuously in this state for at least 10 years next preceding his application or was a resident of this state at the time of his enlistment or induction into service and such resident at the time of making application and, in all cases, who continues his residence in the state during the full period of his rehabilitation. If the service was in more than one period, each period must have been served under honorable conditions or have been terminated by an honorable discharge. *The benefits available to veterans shall also be made available to the dependents of servicemen who were officially reported missing in action, killed in action or who died in service.*

SECTION 3. 45.352 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.352 (1) "Veteran" as used in this section and s. 45.353 has the same meaning as in s. 45.35 (5a) (f) and (g) and "department" means the Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs.

SECTION 4. 45.37 (9) of the statutes, as renumbered by chapter 303 and amended by chapter 498, laws of 1957, is amended to read:

45.37 (9) Each member of the home, regardless of the date of his admission, shall pay the following portions of his annual income into the general fund of the state. If husband and wife are both members their incomes shall be combined before applying the rates.

INCOME BRACKETS	RATES
1st \$120 -----	none
2nd \$120 -----	none
3rd \$120 -----	40 per cent
4th \$120 -----	50 per cent
5th \$120 -----	60 per cent
6th \$120 -----	70 per cent
7th \$120 -----	75 per cent
All remaining income -----	100 per cent

Payments of the amounts indicated above shall be made at such time and in such amounts as the board of the department shall provide by rule or regulation. Payments of these amounts shall be made first and to the fullest extent possible from sources of income other than pension or compensation paid by the veterans administration. The department may remit not to exceed \$10 monthly from the payments required of each married veteran for the personal use of his wife while she is a member of the home. The department may remit such sums monthly as it deems necessary for the care of nonmember dependents of a member. "Income" as used in this section, shall include, without limitation by enumeration, all pensions from state, federal or private sources, annuities, social security payments and recurrent insurance payments from state, federal and private sources but shall not include wages, salary or payment to a member for services rendered to the home as an employe thereof. *The operation of the hobby shop shall be conducted under the supervision of the board of veterans affairs and the members of the home participating in the work of the hobby shop may be reimbursed in such manner as the board may direct.*

SECTION 5. 45.396 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.396 (3) Any honorably discharged veteran as defined in s. 45.35 (5a) (f) and (g), upon the completion of any correspondence courses and extension classwork from the extension division of the university of Wisconsin taken upon recommendation of the Wisconsin department of

veterans' affairs, may be reimbursed for the cost of such course, including necessary textbooks, by the department upon presentation to the department of a certificate from the extension division indicating that he has completed the course and the cost of course and necessary textbooks. The costs incurred under this subsection shall be charged to the post-war rehabilitation trust fund.

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