

1971 Assembly Bill 427

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AN ACT to amend 45.16; to renumber 45.35 (5) (g); and to create 45.35 (5) (g) of the statutes, relating to burial expenses of veterans.

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

SECTION 1. 45.16 of the statutes is amended to read:

45.16 Each county veterans service officer shall cause to be interred in a decent and respectable manner in any cemetery in this state, other than those used exclusively for the burial of paupers, the body of any person who served in any war of the United States, in the Korean conflict, in the Viet Nam era, under section 1 of executive order 10957, dated August 10, 1961, or had service which entitled him to receive either the armed forces expeditionary medal, established by executive order 10977 on December 4, 1961, or the Viet Nam service medal established by executive order 11231 on July 8, 1965, and who was discharged under honorable conditions therefrom after 90 days or more of active service, in the U.S. armed forces, or if having served less than 90 days was honorably discharged for disability incurred in line of duty and who was living in such county at the time of his death, and who dies not leaving sufficient means to defray the necessary expenses of a decent burial, or under financial circumstances which would distress his family to pay the expenses of such burial, and the body of a wife or widow of any such person who dies not leaving such means or under the same financial circumstances and who was living in such county at the time of her death, at an expense to the county of not more than \$300 in addition to the burial allowance payable under laws administered by the veterans administration.

SECTION 2. 45.35 (5) (g) of the statutes is renumbered 45.35 (5) (fm).

SECTION 3. 45.35 (5) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

45.35 (5) (g) Viet Nam era: Between August 5, 1964, and a date of termination to be established by the legislature, excepting service on active duty for training purposes only.