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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Senate Bill 693**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

### 2023 SENATE BILL 693

2023 Senate Bill 693 creates an exemption from daily state park admission fees for any vehicle, other than a motor bus, that is occupied by a person who produces evidence that the person: (1) is a veteran<sup>1</sup>; or (2) meets federal eligibility requirements to receive a gold star lapel button.<sup>2</sup>

### SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 limits the application of the fee exception to vehicles occupied by a **state resident** who produces the evidence required under the bill.

### BILL HISTORY

Senator Hesselbein offered Senate Amendment 1 on February 7, 2024. On February 16, 2024, the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage voted by mail ballot to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Incorporating a definition from federal law, the bill defines “veteran” to mean a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

<sup>2</sup> Federal law authorizes gold star families to receive lapel buttons. Gold star family members are people identified by the U.S. Department of Defense as being next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who have lost their lives while engaged in, or as a result of, certain conflicts or operations.