



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 141

February 24, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, TURNER, HAHN, BRANDEMUEHL, ZUKOWSKI, SYKORA, M. LEHMAN, BOYLE, GROTHMAN, KREIBICH, GRONEMUS, OWENS, BAUMGART, DOBYNS, KREUSER and MURAT, cosponsored by Senators WINEKE, BUETTNER, BRESKE, SCHULTZ and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 45.17 and 45.185 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
2 information gathered regarding veterans burials.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county veterans' service officer is required to have buried in a decent and respectable manner in a cemetery in this state a veteran, or spouse of a veteran, who dies without leaving sufficient means to pay for the burial. The county veterans' service officer is required to report to the county clerk the information regarding the veteran's financial condition, the name, rank and command to which the deceased belonged, the of the occupation of the deceased, the date of death and place of burial and a statement of the burial expenses. This bill removes the requirement to report the rank and command and occupation of the deceased person.

Current law requires each town board, village board and city council to care for the graves and tombstones of deceased veterans and members of women's auxiliary organizations created by an act of Congress and report about that care to the county clerk each year. The annual report includes a listing of the command and rank of each deceased person. This bill removes the requirement to include the command and rank of each deceased person in the report.

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

