

# State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Bill 251

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## 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 70

**AN ACT** to *repeal* 15.497 (2) (h); to *renumber* 15.497 (2) (b) to (g); to *renumber and amend* 15.497 (2) (a); to *amend* 15.497 (2) (intro.); and to *create* 15.497 (2) (ag) (intro.), 15.497 (2) (am), 15.497 (2) (ar) and 15.497 (2) (at) of the statutes; **relating to**: members of the Council on Veterans Programs.

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

**SECTION 1.** 15.497 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.497 (2) COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS. (intro.) There is created in the department of veterans affairs a council on veterans programs consisting of all of the following representatives appointed for one-year terms by the organization that each member represents:

**SECTION 2.** 15.497 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 15.497 (2) (ag) 1. and amended to read:

15.497 (2) (ag) 1. One representative each of the state departments of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marine Corps League, ~~the Navy Club of the U.S.A., the Veterans of World War II (AMVETS), the American Ex-prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Inc., the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., the Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A., the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., the Polish Legion of American Veterans, the National Association for Black Veterans, Inc., the Army and Navy Union of the United States of America, the Wisconsin Association of Concerned Veteran Organizations, the United Women Veterans, Inc., the U.S. Subma-~~

~~rine Veterans of World War II, the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans, Inc., and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.~~

**SECTION 3.** 15.497 (2) (ag) (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

15.497 (2) (ag) (intro.) The following representatives appointed for staggered 3-year terms by the organization that each member represents:

**SECTION 4.** 15.497 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

15.497 (2) (am) For a 3-year term, a veteran services coordinator who is employed at a technical college in this state and who is popularly selected by other technical college veteran services coordinators in this state.

**SECTION 5.** 15.497 (2) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

15.497 (2) (ar) For a 3-year term, a veteran services coordinator who is employed at a University of Wisconsin System institution, as defined in s. 36.05 (9), and who is popularly selected by other University of Wisconsin System institution veteran services coordinators.

**SECTION 5m.** 15.497 (2) (at) of the statutes is created to read:

15.497 (2) (at) For a 3-year term, a veteran services coordinator who is employed at a college or university

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

that is a member of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and who is selected by the president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities or his or her designee.

**SECTION 6.** 15.497 (2) (b) to (g) of the statutes are renumbered 15.497 (2) (ag) 2. to 7.

**SECTION 7.** 15.497 (2) (h) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 8. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) **TERM LENGTHS.** Notwithstanding the length of terms specified for the members of the council on veter-

ans programs under s. 15.497 (2) (ag), each member serving on the council on the effective date of this subsection shall serve the remainder of the term for which he or she was appointed. After the effective date of this subsection, at the expiration of the terms of the members serving on the effective date of this subsection, 7 of the members shall be appointed for terms expiring on July 1, 2024; 6 of the members shall be appointed for terms expiring on July 1, 2025; and 6 of the members shall be appointed for terms expiring on July 1, 2026.

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