



1995 SENATE BILL 244

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 45.357 of the statutes; **relating to:** veterans eligible for the
2 veterans rehabilitation program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of veterans affairs may provide services to assist veterans whose need for services are based on homelessness, incarceration or other circumstances designated by the department by rule. Veterans eligible for these services under current law are those veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. armed services, or in services incorporated into the U.S. armed forces, under honorable conditions in one of a list of specific war periods or in another conflict, including Vietnam and Somalia.

This bill changes the veterans who are eligible for the rehabilitation services to be persons who have served on active duty under conditions other than dishonorable in the U.S. armed forces for 2 years or more or for the full period of the initial obligation, regardless of whether there was a war or other conflict occurring at the time of service.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 45.357 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **45.357 Veterans rehabilitation program.** The department of veterans
5 affairs shall administer a rehabilitation program to provide assistance to veterans,
6 ~~as defined under s. 45.37 (1a)~~ individuals who served on active duty under conditions

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1 other than dishonorable in the U.S. armed forces for 2 years or more or the full period
2 of the individual's initial service obligation, whichever is less. The department shall
3 provide assistance to a veteran whose need for services is based upon homelessness,
4 incarceration or other circumstances designated by the department by rule. The
5 department shall designate the assistance available under this section, which may
6 include assistance in receiving medical care, dental care, education, employment
7 and transitional housing.

8 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) This act first applies to veterans who request assistance on the effective
10 date of this subsection.

11 (END)