



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 SENATE BILL 880

January 21, 2022 - Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, WIMBERGER, TESTIN, BERNIER, CARPENTER, JACQUE, PFAFF and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives SNYDER, SKOWRONSKI, ALLEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, EDMING, MOSES, SHANKLAND, WICHGERS and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and Constitution and Federalism.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** a grant to the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America, Inc., and
2 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Veterans Affairs may make grants from a certain biennial appropriation to nonprofit organizations in order to provide financial assistance or other services to veterans and their dependents. The grants may total up to \$250,000 annually, with a limit of \$25,000 per recipient. This bill requires DVA to make from the same appropriation a \$20,000 grant in the 2022-23 fiscal year to the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America, Inc. in order to provide financial assistance or other services to Hmong-Lao individuals that assisted the United States during the Vietnam War.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) WISCONSIN LAO VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. GRANT. Notwithstanding the
5 requirement under s. 45.46 that grants under that section be made in order to
6 provide financial assistance or other services to veterans and their dependents, from

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1 the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (th) the department of veterans affairs shall
2 make a \$20,000 grant in the 2022-23 fiscal year to the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of
3 America, Inc. for the purpose of providing financial assistance or other services to
4 Hmong-Lao individuals that assisted the United States during the Vietnam War.

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