

SECTION 7. 15.82 is repealed.

SECTION 8. 20.01 (1) (c) is amended by striking therefrom the words "the executive council."

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CHAPTER 443.

AN ACT to create 20.036 and 45.35 of the statutes, creating a veterans recognition board, providing for administration of rehabilitation and aid to returning Wisconsin veterans of World War II, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.036 of the statutes is created to read:

20.036 VETERANS RECOGNITION BOARD. There is appropriated from the veterans rehabilitation trust fund to the veterans recognition board a sum sufficient for the execution of its functions under section 45.35. All moneys received from the federal government as reimbursement pursuant to section 45.35 (9) shall be paid into and credited to the veterans rehabilitation trust fund.

SECTION 2. 45.35 of the statutes is created to read:

45.35 VETERANS RECOGNITION BOARD; STATE POLICY; POWERS.

(1) The legislature declares that it is the policy of the state of Wisconsin to assume responsibility for the rehabilitation and hospitalization of returning members of the armed forces of the United States in World War II, who are bona fide residents of this state, in cases where the federal government fails or refuses to provide such rehabilitation and hospitalization. The legislature further declares that the state intends by the enactment of this section to render all possible aid and assistance to such returning members of the armed forces, when adequate provision is not available from the federal government, in order to prevent want or distress. A liberal construction of this section is intended.

(2) There is created a veterans recognition board to consist of 5 members appointed by the governor by and with the advice and

consent of the senate, the governor, and a representative of the adjutant general's department designated by the governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and who shall not be subject to senate confirmation.

(3) Of the 5 members first appointed, 2 shall serve for terms expiring March 1, 1945, 2 shall serve for terms expiring March 1, 1947, and one shall serve for a term expiring March 1, 1949, or until their successors are appointed and qualify. Upon the expiration of such initial terms successors shall be appointed for terms of 6 years each. Members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

(4) The functions of the board shall be policy forming. It shall elect one of its members chairman and one secretary. The board may prescribe rules and regulations governing its procedure. The adjutant general shall allot adequate office space in his department for the board and its administrative staff. The records and files of the adjutant general and of any other state department or officer shall, upon request, be made available to the board.

(5) The administrative functions of the board shall be in charge of a director appointed by the board for an indefinite term and not subject to chapter 16. He shall receive such salary as the board may determine not exceeding \$6,000 per annum. The director shall appoint such administrative staff as may be necessary pursuant to chapter 16.

(6) The board shall coordinate the activities of all state agencies performing functions relating to the hospitalization, medical treatment and care, placement and training, educational or vocational rehabilitation of honorably discharged veterans, including such veterans with disabilities whether or not service connected or war connected. In particular it shall coordinate the activities of the soldiers rehabilitation board, state board of vocational and adult education, state selective service administration, state department of public welfare, industrial commission, state superintendent of public instruction, the university of Wisconsin, teachers colleges and other educational institutions, and all other departments or agencies performing any of the functions specified, to the end that the benefits provided in this section may be made available to returning veterans as promptly and effectively as possible.

(7) The board shall maintain contacts with county service officers and local agencies, the American Red Cross and veterans organizations concerned with the welfare of veterans and shall contact and cooperate with federal agencies in securing for Wisconsin veterans all benefits to which they may be entitled.

(8) The board may provide treatment for any physical or mental disease or injury or the consequent result of such disease or injury, which is directly or indirectly traceable to the military or naval service, for any men or women who performed active duty in the military or naval forces of the United States at any time since August 27, 1940, and who received an honorable discharge therefrom or who served under honorable conditions. Such person must have been a resident of this state for not less than 5 years next immediately preceding his application for treatment or must have been a resident of this state at the time of enlistment or induction into service.

(8a) The board may extend to any such veteran or any of his dependents such temporary emergency aid or relief as it may deem advisable to prevent want or distress.

(9) The board in cooperation with the rehabilitation division of the state board of vocational and adult education shall make available to disabled veterans the benefits of vocational training and guidance, including veterans who have filed claims for federal rehabilitation benefits and during the pendency of such claims. In cases where such claims are allowed and federal reimbursement is made to the state, such money shall be paid into and become a part of the veterans rehabilitation trust fund.

(10) The board in cooperation with the industrial commission and state selective service administration or any other federal, state or local agency shall formulate and carry out plans for the training and placement of returning veterans in peacetime work.

(11) The board shall create an advisory committee which shall consist of the following members: 4 representatives of veterans' organizations, of whom one each shall be selected and certified to the board within 30 days after the effective date of this section and annually thereafter not later than October 1 of each year by the state departments of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the United Spanish War Veterans, one veteran of World War II, and one representative of the American Red Cross. The members of said committee shall receive no compensation for their

services but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Said committee shall assist the board in administering and carrying out the purposes of this section. The board may create such other advisory committees as it may deem advisable.

(12) All expenditures for execution of functions under this section shall be made from the veterans rehabilitation trust fund as provided in section 20.036. Bills for expenditures made under the direction of the board shall be filed with the board and, if approved by it, the board shall certify the amounts of such expenditures to the secretary of state for payment, or the director may make such certification and attach thereto a copy of the approval action of the board. Pay rolls, travel expenses and other administrative charges shall be certified in the manner provided by law for other state departments.

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CHAPTER 444.

AN ACT to amend 48.07 (6) (a) of the statutes, relating to chargeability for the support of children.

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

48.07 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.07 (6) (a) Whenever a child is committed by the court to custody other than that of his parent and no provision is otherwise made by law for the support of such child, compensation for the care of such child, when approved by order of the court, shall be a charge upon the county, except in counties maintaining a county home for dependent children. In counties in which such a home is being maintained, the county board may authorize the payment for care of children in private homes or private institutions and fix the maximum rate to be paid thereof. But the court may, after giving a parent a reasonable opportunity to be heard, adjudge that such parent shall pay in such manner as the court may direct such sum as will cover in whole or in part the support of such child *at the county home for dependent*