



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 139

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 45.25 (4) (b), 45.351 (2) (c), 45.356 (6), 45.396 (6) and 45.74 (6)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** veterans benefits for veterans who are delinquent
3 in child or spousal support, maintenance, medical expenses or birth expenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person is not eligible for benefits under the following veterans programs if that person is delinquent in child support or maintenance payments or owes past support, medical expenses or birth expenses:

1. The veterans' tuition and fee reimbursement program.
2. The veterans economic assistance program.
3. The veterans trust fund stabilization loan program.
4. The veterans correspondence courses and part-time classroom study program.
5. The veteran's housing loan program.

This bill allows such a person to receive these benefits if the person provides the department of veterans affairs with a child support repayment agreement that has been accepted by the county agency that is designated to handle child and spousal support, paternity and medical support.

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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 45.25 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 45.25 (4) (b) The department may not provide reimbursement under sub. (2)
3 to an individual who is delinquent in child support or maintenance payments or who
4 owes past support, medical expenses or birth expenses, as established by the receipt
5 by the department of a certification under s. 49.855 only if the individual provides
6 the department with a repayment agreement that has been accepted by the county
7 designee under s. 59.53 (5).

8 **SECTION 2.** 45.351 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 45.351 (2) (c) ~~No~~ A person may receive a loan under this subsection if after the
10 department receives a certification under s. 49.855 (7) that the person is delinquent
11 in child support or maintenance payments or owes past support, medical expenses
12 or birth expenses only if the person provides the department with a repayment
13 agreement that has been accepted by the county designee under s. 59.53 (5).

14 **SECTION 3.** 45.356 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 45.356 (6) ~~No~~ A person may receive a loan under this section if after the
16 department receives a certification under s. 49.855 (7) that the person is delinquent
17 in child support or maintenance payments or owes past support, medical expenses
18 or birth expenses only if the person provides the department with a repayment
19 agreement that has been accepted by the county designee under s. 59.53 (5).

20 **SECTION 4.** 45.396 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 45.396 (6) The department may not make a grant to a person under this section
22 if it the department receives a certification under s. 49.855 (7) that the person is
23 delinquent in child support or maintenance payments or owes past support, medical
24 expenses or birth expenses only if the person provides the department with a child

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1 support repayment agreement that has been accepted by the county designee under
2 s. 59.53 (5).

3 **SECTION 5.** 45.74 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 45.74 (6) DELINQUENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS. ~~It~~ The department has received a
5 certification under s. 49.855 (7) that the person is delinquent in child support or
6 maintenance payments or owes past support, medical expenses or birth expenses
7 and the person has not provided the department with a repayment agreement that
8 has been accepted by the county designee under s. 59.53 (5).

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