



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 879

December 13, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, NISCHKE, BOYLE, SINICKI, SHERIDAN, FREESE, LEHMAN, VRUWINK, ALBERS, BERCEAU, MCCORMICK, PETROWSKI, HINES, OTT, MOLEPSKE, VAN ROY, NELSON, HEBL, OWENS, LEMAHIEU and BIES, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN, ERPENBACH, PLALE, WIRCH and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 36.27 (3n) (a) (intro.), 36.27 (3n) (a) 2., 38.24 (7) (a) (intro.) and
2 38.24 (7) (a) 2.; and **to create** 36.27 (3n) (a) 3. and 38.24 (7) (a) 3. of the statutes;
3 **relating to:** eligibility for tuition fee remission for spouses and children of
4 certain veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 25 (the 2005 budget act), provides the remission of tuition for certain students attending the University of Wisconsin System and technical college campuses. Under that act, the spouses, children, or surviving spouses of certain veterans are eligible for a full remission of tuition at the University of Wisconsin System and at the technical colleges. For the spouse, surviving spouse, or child to be eligible, the veteran must have entered service while a resident of this state and either died while on duty or incurred a service-connected disability that is rated as 30 percent or more while a resident of this state.

This bill removes the requirement that the veteran incurred the service-connected disability while a resident of this state. The bill adds eligibility to spouses, surviving spouses, or children of veterans if the veteran was a resident of this state for at least ten continuous years before the student registers and the veteran has incurred a service-connected disability that is rated as 30 percent or more.

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For further information see the *state* 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 36.27 (3n) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin
2 Act 25, is amended to read:

3 36.27 **(3n)** (a) (intro.) In this subsection, “eligible veteran” means a person
4 verified by the department of veterans affairs to be either any of the following:

5 **SECTION 2.** 36.27 (3n) (a) 2. of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
6 25, is amended to read:

7 36.27 **(3n)** (a) 2. A person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry
8 into service described in subd. 1. and who, ~~while a resident of this state,~~ incurred at
9 least a 30 percent service-connected disability rating under 38 USC 1114 or 1134.

10 **SECTION 3.** 36.27 (3n) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

11 36.27 **(3n)** (a) 3. A person who has incurred at least a 30 percent
12 service-connected disability rating under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 and who was a
13 resident of this state for at least 10 continuous years immediately preceding the
14 beginning of any semester or session for which the spouse, surviving spouse, or child
15 registers at an institution.

16 **SECTION 4.** 38.24 (7) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin
17 Act 25, is amended to read:

18 38.24 **(7)** (a) (intro.) In this subsection, “eligible veteran” means a person
19 verified by the department of veterans affairs to be either any of the following:

20 **SECTION 5.** 38.24 (7) (a) 2. of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 25,
21 is amended to read:

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1 38.24 (7) (a) 2. A person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry
2 into service described in subd. 1. and who, while a resident of this state, incurred at
3 least a 30 percent service-connected disability rating under 38 USC 1114 or 1134.

4 **SECTION 6.** 38.24 (7) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

5 38.24 (7) (a) 3. A person who has incurred at least a 30 percent
6 service-connected disability rating under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 and who was a
7 resident of this state for at least 10 continuous years immediately preceding the
8 beginning of any semester or session for which the spouse, surviving spouse, or child
9 registers at a technical college.

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