



## 2007 SENATE BILL 143

April 13, 2007 - Introduced by Senators SULLIVAN, COWLES, RISSER, LEHMAN, ROESSLER, LASSA, BRESKE, DARLING and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, HILGENBERG, HAHN, TURNER, CULLEN, A. OTT, HINES, TOWNSEND, ALBERS, GUNDERSON, VRUWINK, MURSAU, NEWCOMER and SHERIDAN. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology and Financial Institutions.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 15.497 (2) (a); and *to create* 15.497 (2) (e) and 15.497 (2) (f)  
2             of the statutes; **relating to:** changing the members of the Council on Veterans  
3             Programs.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law the Council on Veterans Programs (council) advises the Board of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) on solutions and policy alternatives relating to the problems of veterans. The council is attached to DVA and consists of members of various veterans organizations, all of whom are appointed for one-year terms.

This bill adds one representative of each of the following to the council:

1. The Wisconsin Council of the Military Officers Association of America.
2. The Retired Enlisted Association.

This bill removes the representative of each of the following from the council:

1. The Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc.
  2. The Federation of Minority Veterans, Inc.
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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4             **SECTION 1.** 15.497 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           15.497 (2) (a) One representative each of the state departments of the  
2 American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars,  
3 the Marine Corps League, the Navy Club of the U.S.A., the Veterans of World War II  
4 (AMVETS), ~~the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc.,~~ the American  
5 Ex-prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Inc., the Vietnam  
6 Veterans of America, Inc., the Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A., the Jewish War  
7 Veterans of the U.S.A., the Polish Legion of American Veterans, the National  
8 Association for Black Veterans, Inc., the Army and Navy Union of the United States  
9 of America, the Wisconsin Association of Concerned Veteran Organizations, the  
10 United Women Veterans, Inc., the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, ~~the~~  
11 ~~Federation of Minority Veterans, Inc.,~~ the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans, Inc., and the  
12 Military Order of the Purple Heart.

13           **SECTION 2.** 15.497 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

14           15.497 (2) (e) One representative of the Wisconsin Council of the Military  
15 Officers Association of America.

16           **SECTION 3.** 15.497 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

17           15.497 (2) (f) One representative of the Retired Enlisted Association.

18           **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

19           (1) Notwithstanding section 15.497 (2) (intro.), the term of the initial  
20 representative of the Wisconsin Council of the Military Officers Association of  
21 America and the Retired Enlisted Association on the council on veterans programs  
22 shall expire on July 1, 2008.

23           **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

