



2023 SENATE BILL 17

January 27, 2023 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE, WANGGAARD, CARPENTER, HESSELBEIN, PFAFF and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives MURPHY, ARMSTRONG, BALDEH, BRANDTJEN, CABRERA, DONOVAN, GUSTAFSON, KITCHENS, MURSAU, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PENTERMAN, PRONSHINSKE, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SUBECK, TITTL, TUSLER, WICHGERS and SHANKLAND. Referred to Committee on Labor, Regulatory Reform, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 45.44 (3) (c) (intro.) and 45.51 (2) (a) 1.; and *to create* 36.27
2 (2) (b) 5., 36.27 (3p) (a) 1r. g., 38.24 (8) (a) 1r. g. and 45.01 (12) (fm) of the statutes;
3 **relating to:** expanding veterans benefits to individuals who served in Laos in
4 support of the United States during the Vietnam War.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill expands the definition of “veteran” to include individuals who were naturalized pursuant to the Hmong Veterans’ Naturalization Act of 2000. The bill extends most veterans benefits to anyone who meets this newly expanded definition of veteran, however, admission to a state veterans home and burial in a veterans cemetery are not included benefits as they are subject to federal regulation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 36.27 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:
6 36.27 (2) (b) 5. A person who is a resident of and living in this state at the time
7 of registering at an institution, and who is a veteran as described under s. 45.01 (12)
8 (fm), is entitled to the exemption under par. (a).

