

No. 552, A.]

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CHAPTER 580.

AN ACT to amend 14.71 (1) and 45.35 (8a) ; to create 36.175 (3) ; to renumber chapter 505, laws of 1935, section 1 (3) to be 20.037 and to amend the same ; to renumber 37.25 to be 45.39 and to amend all subsections thereof excepting (7) ; to repeal, renumber, amend and create certain provisions in chapters 20, 21 and 45 of the statutes, creating a Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs, providing educational aid, economic aid, medical, hospital or other remedial care for World War II veterans and their dependents, transferring to said department certain powers, duties and functions vested in the soldiers' rehabilitation board and adjutant general, and custodian of memorial hall, 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SECTION 1. 20.036 of the statutes is repealed as of the close of business on June 30, 1945 and is recreated to read :

20.036 WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. There is appropriated to the Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs :

(1) BENEFITS FOR WORLD WAR II VETERANS. From the postwar rehabilitation trust fund a sum sufficient for the payment of benefits to veterans and their dependents under sections 45.35 and 45.36 and for the execution of its functions. All moneys received from the federal government for the benefit of veterans or their dependents or as reimbursement pursuant to section 45.39 (9) shall be paid into and credited to the postwar rehabilitation trust fund and are appropriated therefrom to the department for the purposes for which received or for the execution of its functions.

SECTION 2. 20.035 of the statutes is renumbered 20.036 (2) and is amended to read :

20.036 (2) MEDICAL OR OTHER REMEDIAL AID FOR WORLD WAR I VETERANS. * * * Annually, * * * beginning July 1, 1945, the income and such part of the principal of the soldiers' rehabilitation fund as may in the judgment of the * * * Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs be necessary for the hospitalization of soldiers, as provided in section * * * 45.38 (1), and payment of such bonuses as may be provided for

in section * * * 45.38, and for * * * educational * * * aid benefits under section * * * 45.39.

SECTION 3. 20.15 (1) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 298, laws of 1945 (Bill No. 15, A.) is renumbered 20.036 (3) and amended to read:

20.036 (3) * * * Annually, from the general fund, beginning July 1, 1945, \$2,800 for the execution of the functions prescribed by sections 45.01 to 45.04. Of this there is allotted to the custodian an annual salary of \$1,800.

SECTION 4. 20.156 of the statutes is renumbered 20.036 (4) and is amended to read:

20.036 (4) CAMP * * * AMERICAN LEGION. * * * From the soldiers' rehabilitation fund * * * an additional sum not to exceed \$50,000 for the purpose of establishing at Camp * * * American Legion a restoration camp for the temporary care of convalescing, sick and disabled, *honorably discharged* veterans of * * * World Wars I and II and their dependents.

SECTION 5. 20.036 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

20.036 (5) TRANSFER OF BALANCES. On July 1, 1945, the balances of the respective appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, under sections 20.035, 20.036, 20.15 (1) and 20.156.

SECTION 6. 36.175 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

36.175 (3) Any honorably discharged veteran as defined in section 45.35 (5a) may take without cost correspondence courses and extension class work from the extension division of the university upon recommendation of the Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs and such department shall furnish the necessary textbooks to the student. The cost under this subsection shall be charged to the postwar rehabilitation trust fund.

SECTION 7. 45.04 of the statutes is amended to read:

45.04 A custodian and superintendent of said memorial hall, who shall be * * * *an honorably discharged United States War veteran* * * *, shall be appointed by the * * * Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs for a term of 4 years, whose duty shall be to take proper care of said memorial collection and to procure additions thereto and to so display them as to make them attractive and instructive to visitors to the state capitol. *Such appointee shall not be subject to chapter 16.*

SECTION 8. The section heading of section 45.35 of the statutes is changed to read:

45.35 (Section heading) WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

SECTION 9. 45.35 (1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

45.35 (1) The legislature declares that it is the policy of the state of Wisconsin to assume responsibility for the *health, educational and economic* rehabilitation and hospitalization of returning members of the armed forces of the United States in World War II, *and their dependents*, who are bona fide residents of this state, * * *. 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, *servicemen officially reported as missing in action and their dependents*, when * * * *aid and assistance has not been provided*. A liberal construction of this section is intended.

(2) There is created a * * * *Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs consisting of a board of veterans' affairs, a director and administrative staff*. The board shall consist of 5 members, 3 of whom shall be United States war veterans, 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.

(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 state chief engineer shall assign adequate office space in the capitol building for the department 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 * * * *governor by and with the consent of the senate* 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. *He shall also appoint with the approval of the board a custodian and superintendent of memorial hall pursuant to section 45.04.*

(6) The board shall co-ordinate the activities of all state agencies performing functions relating to the * * * *medical, hospital, or other remedial* care, placement and training, educational, *economic* or vocational rehabilitation of honorably discharged veterans, including such veterans with disabilities whether or not service connected or war connected. In particular it shall co-ordinate the activities of the * * * 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.

SECTION 10. 45.35 (5a) and (5b) of the statutes is created to read:

45.35 (5a) "Veteran" as used in this section means any person who served in the active military or naval service of the United States at any time since August 27, 1940 who was honorably discharged therefrom, or who served under honorable conditions, after 90 days or more of service, or if having served less than 90 days was honorably discharged for disability incurred in line of duty, who has been a resident of this state for at least 5 years next preceding his application or a resident of this state at the time of his enlistment or induction into service and such resident at the time of making application and, in all cases, who continues his residence in this state during the full period of the rehabilitation.

(5b) "Dependent" of a veteran as used in this section means and includes:

(a) A wife or husband; or a divorced wife only when receiving benefits under a court order.

(b) Any natural child under 18 years of age, or if in full attendance at a recognized school of instruction, or of any age if incapable of self-support by reason of mental or physical defect.

(c) Any legally adopted child.

(d) Any stepchild or child if a member of the veteran's family.

(e) Any illegitimate child, only if the veteran acknowledges paternity or the same has been otherwise established.

(f) The natural mother or natural father or a person to whom the veteran stands in loco parentis and who has so stood for not less than 12 months prior to veteran's entrance into active service.

(g) A minor sister or minor brother.

(h) A brother or sister of any age if incapable of self-support by reason of mental or physical defect.

SECTION 11. 21.19 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 45.35 (7a) and is amended to read:

45.35 (7a) The * * * *department upon request* shall assist all persons residing in the state of Wisconsin having claims against the United States for pensions, bounty or back pay, where such claims have arisen out of or by reason of service in the wars of the country. To this end * * * *it* shall co-operate with their agents or attorneys, advise as to the legality of claims, furnish * * * all necessary certificates and certified abstracts from and copies of records and documents in * * * *its* office, and in all practicable ways seek to secure speedy and just action upon all claims now pending or which may hereafter be filed. * * * *It* shall also in cases where it may be expedient act as agent or attorney of record in prosecuting claims for such persons as may request * * * *it* to do so; provided, that for any such services rendered * * * *no person in the employ of the department* shall make any charge or demand or receive from the said claimants or any of them, directly or indirectly any pay or compensation whatever. * * * *It* shall provide for registration with the register of deeds of each county the names of all persons from such county who died in the services of the United States during the Spanish-American war, Philippine insurrection or Chinese relief expedition or World Wars *I and II*.

SECTION 12. 45.35 (8) and (12) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

45.35 (8) The board may provide treatment for any veterans 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, or may provide such treatment for any dependent of a serviceman officially reported as missing in action. The powers conferred by section 45.37 in connection with the furnishing of treatment for veterans of World War I are, so far as applicable and not in conflict with

this section, conferred on the board in carrying out the provisions of this subsection.

(12) All expenditures for execution of functions under this section shall be made from the postwar rehabilitation trust fund as provided in section 20.036. The director shall certify to the secretary of state for payment all aid to veterans authorized under the rules and regulations of the board and shall certify or approve and forward to the secretary of state pay rolls and other vouchers for other expenditures of the board authorized under such rules and regulations.

SECTION 13. 45.35 (8a) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.35 (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. *The benefits and aids provided under section 45.35 shall not be assignable and shall be exempt from garnishment and execution.*

SECTION 14. 45.08 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 45.37 (1) and is amended to read:

45.37 VETERANS, HOME; * * * MANAGEMENT; WHO ENTITLED TO MAINTENANCE AND BURIAL. (1) The * * * *director of the Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs* with the approval of the board of managers, shall operate and conduct the Grand Army Home for Veterans and employ such officers, nurses, attendants and other employes as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the said home.

SECTION 15. 45.07 (2) and (3) of the statutes are renumbered 45.37 (2) and (3).

SECTION 16. 45.08 (2), (3) and (4) of the statutes are renumbered 45.37 (4), (5) and (6) and as renumbered subsections (5) and (6) are amended to read:

45.37 (5) It shall be the duty of the * * * *director* with the approval of the board of managers, to cause to be kept a true and accurate account of the disbursements of all moneys derived from all sources for said home, and annually to make report in writing to the governor, giving a true and itemized account in such form as he may require or prescribe, of all expenditures made of moneys appropriated or in any manner derived from the state, and also of the names and number of members of the home, the date of admission, time of occupancy, age and residence of each, the regiment, company, battery or other similar organiza-

tion in which such member served, or of the person on account of whom such member was admitted to the home, and also the names, number and salaries of the officers, employes and laborers employed in said home, and the fund from which they are paid, and also the total amount of the receipts and expenditures of the said Grand Army Home for Veterans, and such other detail pertaining to or affecting expenditures for its maintenance or benefit, as may be required by the governor. Such report shall cover the period of the fiscal year ending June 30, and be submitted on or before September 1 of each year.

(6) The members of the board of managers of the Grand Army Home for Veterans shall, not less than 4 times in each year, visit the said home and shall carefully examine into the management of said home, its system of accounts and of keeping books and the methods of purchase of supplies therefor, and the manner of their issuance and expenditures, and care and keeping of the members of said home, the provisions made for the comforts of such members, their treatment by officers and employes, and such other details of the management of the said home as they may deem proper to inquire into and as shall be thought likely to promote the objects for which the same is maintained; and they shall make full report thereon to the governor * * *, with their recommendations upon any of the matters which they are herein enjoined to investigate. It shall be the duty of the * * * *director* and the officers and employes of said home to facilitate such examination and inquiries by disclosing all facts in relation to the same, and exhibiting all books, papers and vouchers affecting the expenditure of moneys.

SECTION 17. 45.27 (1), (2) and (6) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 18. 45.27 (2a) of the statutes, is renumbered 45.38 (1) and the introductory paragraph thereof is amended to read:

45.38 (1) (Introductory paragraph) The * * * *director* with the advice and approval of the * * * *board of veterans' affairs* shall have power and authority:

SECTION 19. The section heading of section 45.38 of the statutes as renumbered is changed to read:

45.38 (Section heading) MEDICAL; HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR WORLD WAR I VETERANS.

SECTION 20. 45.27 (3), (4), (5), (7), (8) and (9) of the

statutes are renumbered 45.38 (2) to (7) and as renumbered, subsections (5) and (6) are amended to read:

45.38 (5) On July 1, 1924, the balance then in the fund provided for by chapter 5, special session of 1919, the balance then in the fund provided for by chapter 667, laws of 1919, and the balance then in the fund provided for by section 20.03 (5) of the 1923 statutes, together with additions to either such fund from taxes thereafter paid, shall be transferred to and constitute what shall be known as "Soldiers' Rehabilitation Fund," for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section and the benefits provided by said chapter 5, special session of 1919, and chapter 667, laws of 1919. The benefits provided by chapter 667, laws of 1919, shall not be available after July 1, 1944, except to such eligible persons who have filed their application with the adjutant general prior to July 1, 1944. * * *

(6) After the taking effect of this section all charges against and all sums properly payable out of either of the funds mentioned in subsection * * * (5) shall be paid out of the said soldiers' rehabilitation fund.

SECTION 20a. 45.38 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

45.38 (8) The word "treatment" as used in this section means medical or hospital care, or, in lieu thereof, other remedial care, whether received within or without a hospital, sanatorium, institution, or other like facility.

SECTION 21. 37.25 of the statutes is renumbered 45.39, the section heading is changed to read: "EDUCATIONAL AID FOR WORLD WAR I VETERANS," and all subsections thereof excepting (7) are amended to read:

45.39 (1) Any person discharged, or released, or furloughed subsequent to April 7, 1917, upon honorable conditions, from any branch of the military or naval service of the United States, including all Red Cross and other nurses in military camps or hospitals who were a part of the military or naval forces of the United States in this country or overseas during the World War, and who at the time of entering such service, which must have been prior to November 12, 1918, was a resident of this state, and who was in the service at least 3 months, or each child not under 16 and not over 24 years of age of a veteran who was killed in action or died of wounds or disease, traceable to World War service, between the dates of April 6, 1917, and July 2, 1921, and who desires to continue his education in any of the public, ele-

mentary, high or vocational schools of this state, or in special schools organized for this purpose or in the county training or county agricultural schools, or in the institute of technology, the normal schools, Stout institute, or in the university of Wisconsin, or in any other institution of learning in this state at which was organized an S. A. T. C., or in any other institution of high school or collegiate grade in the state not run for profit shall, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the * * * *Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs*, be entitled to receive \$30 per month while in regular attendance as a student at any such institution, but not to exceed a total of \$1,080 for each veteran or each child in lieu of the soldier bonus provided for in chapter 667 of the laws of 1919, except as hereinafter provided. The benefit of this * * * *section* shall not accrue to any person for time spent while taking training in any student army training camp, nor to any person, who, though inducted into service did civilian work at civilian pay.

(2) Any person described in subsection (1) * * * who was, subsequent to September 8, 1919, and to his discharge from military service, and prior to a formal assignment to an educational institution in accordance with the law, in regular attendance at a school in accordance with the provisions of *this section* * * *, shall be entitled, upon application to the * * * *Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs*, to the educational bonus during the period of regular attendance between his entrance into school subsequent to September 8, 1919, and to his discharge from military service and the date of assignment by the * * * *department*.

(3) The * * * *Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs* shall prescribe such rules * * * as * * * *it* shall deem necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of *this section*, always meeting the expressed wishes of the applicant as far as possible.

(4) Accompanying all applications for this bonus the applicant shall furnish satisfactory proof that he was a bona fide resident of the state at the time of induction or enlistment, and shall furnish other proof satisfactory to the * * * *department* that he comes within the provisions of *this section* * * *.

(5) Each school to which a student has been assigned by the * * * *department* under the provisions of *this section* * * * shall, upon admission of any such student or of notice that a

student already registered is allowed the bonus, advise the * * * *department* of the date of admission of this student to the school during the then present academic year, or during the following academic year, and it shall certify to said * * * *department* monthly on a pay roll form to be presented by the said * * * *department*, the names of all students entitled to the bonus under the provisions of *this section* * * * who are in regular attendance at such institution the preceding month.

(6) The acceptance of the bonus provided for in chapter 667 of the laws of 1919 shall preclude any person from availing himself of the privileges of *this section* * * *, unless he shall first return to the state treasury the bonus received. Whenever any such person who has drawn his cash bonus under chapter 667 of the laws of 1919 and is desirous of entering school under the benefits of the educational bonus law, but is not eligible to receive the benefits owing to the fact that he is financially unable to return the amount of the cash bonus; the * * * *department* is authorized to allow such person the benefits commencing the date of his assignment to school under the provisions of *this section* * * *; with the further provision that the monthly benefits be withheld by the * * * *department* until the amount withheld equals the amount received under chapter 667, laws of 1919. * * *

(8) The * * * *department* may make all necessary investigations as to the eligibility of any applicant to the aid provided for in this section and * * * *its* decision shall be final.

(9) Any person who has received the bonus provided by chapter 667 of the laws of 1919, shall not be eligible to the benefits provided by this section until and unless he has complied with either one of the requirements of subsection (6) * * *.

(10) There is appropriated from the soldier's rehabilitation fund to the * * * *Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs* a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of *this section* * * *, and the provisions of chapter 667, laws of 1919.

SECTION 22. 45.271 of the statutes is renumbered 45.40 and is amended to read:

45.40 The * * * *Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs* is authorized to transfer from the soldiers' rehabilitation fund to the Wisconsin state department of the American Legion the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of purchasing the buildings and equipment at Camp Minnewawa, located on state land between

Tomahawk lake and Big Carr lake in Oneida county, and for the establishment at that place of a restoration camp for sick and disabled veterans * * * World Wars I and II and their dependents, the said American Legion having already contracted to purchase said camp for such purposes. The ownership of all of the buildings and equipment of such camp shall revert to the state upon the discontinuance of the use thereof for such purposes. On or before January 15 of each year the said department of the American Legion shall file with the governor and the Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs a written report of the operations and the financial status of such camp. *Effective July 1, 1945 Camp Minnewawa shall be known as Camp American Legion.*

SECTION 23. 45.275 of the statutes is renumbered 45.41, the section heading is changed to "DISABLED VETERANS; HOSPITALIZATION WHEN INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL HOSPITALIZATION," and is amended to read:

45.41 The * * * Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs shall provide hospitalization for any * * * needy, disabled, honorably discharged soldier, sailor, marine or nurse of any war who is ineligible to hospitalization under the provisions of Public Act No. 2 of the First Session of the Seventy-Third Congress and who is suffering from physical or mental disabilities not the result of misconduct. To be eligible to hospitalization hereunder the applicant must have been a resident of this state for not less than 5 years immediately preceding his application for treatment. Such hospitalization, except in cases requiring other or special treatment which can be provided only at some other hospital, sanatorium or out patient facility and in emergency cases, shall be provided at the Wisconsin general hospital. *When requested by the veteran, or someone in his behalf, treatment of the kind permitted by the provisions of section 147.19 (2), and convalescent care in connection therewith, may be provided.* The Wisconsin general hospital, such sanatorium, or out patient facility shall be entitled to payment in such cases at a rate not to exceed cost per day for each patient, which amount shall be paid by the soldiers' rehabilitation fund out of the appropriation of section 20.035 (2) [Stats. 1933]. The * * * Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs shall make necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section in accordance with the legislative declaration that the state of Wisconsin

assumes responsibility for the hospitalization of soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses of any war who are bona fide residents of this state in cases where the federal government refuses to provide such necessary hospitalization.

SECTION 24. 45.215 of the statutes is renumbered 45.42 and is amended to read:

45.42 (1) The * * * *Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs* shall compile a record of the burial places within the state of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the military or naval forces of the United States. Such record, so far as practicable, shall indicate the name of each such person; the service in which he was engaged; the number of the regiment or company, if a soldier, and of the command, if a sailor or marine; the rank and period of service; the name and location of the cemetery or other place in which his body is interred; the location of the grave in such cemetery or other place; and the character of headstone or other marker if any, at such grave.

(2) The * * * *department* shall cause blank forms to be prepared whereby the information required for such record may be transmitted to * * * *it*. Every person or corporation, including a municipal corporation, owning or controlling any cemetery or burial place within the state in which are interred the bodies of persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States, shall file with the * * * *department* a certificate on the forms provided by * * * *it* of the facts required for such record, so far as the same are within the knowledge of such person, corporation or its agents. The * * * *department* shall cause blank certificates to be distributed to such persons and corporations as * * * *it* deems advisable, with a request that such information be transmitted to * * * *it*, but the failure to receive such blank and request shall not relieve any person or corporation from the obligation of complying with this section, within 90 days after it takes effect.

(3) It shall be the duty of the * * * *department* to make a careful inquiry and examination for the purpose of collecting and checking the records required by this section.

SECTION 25. 14.71 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

14.71 (1) Except as expressly provided by law, the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, commissioner of insurance, state fire marshal, director of purchases, public service commission, industrial commission,

adjutant general, *director of veterans' affairs*, grain and warehouse commission, director of personnel, department of taxation, board of tax appeals, commissioners of public lands, state conservation commission, state supervisor of inspectors, banking commission, banking review board, free library commission, state chief engineer, director of agriculture, director of the budget, geological and natural history survey, state board of health, state highway commission, state planning board, state board of medical examiners, state board of dental examiners, state board of pharmacy, Wisconsin real estate brokers board, state board of vocational and adult education, Wisconsin employment relations board, commissioner of the motor vehicle department, director of public welfare and state athletic commission are each authorized to appoint such deputies, assistants, experts, clerks, stenographers or other employes as shall be necessary for the execution of their functions, and to designate the titles, prescribe the duties, and fix the compensation of such subordinates, but these powers shall be exercised subject to the state civil service law, unless the position filled by any such subordinate has been expressly exempted from the operation of chapter 16 and subject, also, to the approval of such other officer or body as may be prescribed by law.

SECTION 26. Chapter 505, laws of 1935 (71.60, statutes of 1941), section 1 (3) (created by chapter 74, laws of 1943), amended by chapter 293, laws of 1945 (bill No. 1, A.), is renumbered 20.037 of the statutes and is amended to read:

20.037 POSTWAR REHABILITATION TRUST FUND. The entire proceeds of the tax imposed by * * * section 1 of chapter 505, laws of 1935 as amended (section 71.60, statutes of 1941), applicable to income of 1942 or corresponding fiscal year and collections made after * * * April 22, 1943 applicable to any prior year, shall be transferred to a separate fund in the state treasury known as the "Postwar Rehabilitation Trust Fund" which shall be used exclusively for * * * *health*, educational and economic rehabilitation of returning Wisconsin veterans of World War II and their dependents. The state department of taxation shall certify to the secretary of state on July 1, 1943, and every 3 months thereafter, the net collections of said tax applicable to income of 1942 or corresponding fiscal year and net collections made after * * * April 22, 1943 applicable to any prior year and thereupon the secretary of state shall transfer

the amount so certified from the general fund to *the* postwar rehabilitation trust fund.

SECTION 27. (1) Each of the boards and departments affected by this act shall co-operate to the end that the transfer of their respective powers, duties and functions to the Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs shall be completed by July 1, 1945, on which date the soldiers' rehabilitation board is abolished.

(2) The members of the veterans' recognition board shall continue to serve as the members of the board of veterans' affairs and the director of said board, respectively, for the same terms as originally appointed. The custodian and superintendent of memorial hall shall continue to serve for the term for which originally appointed.

(3) The personnel in the various departments involved in this consolidation, including any personnel on military leave on the effective date of this act, shall retain the same rights and status after transfer as before.

(4) All equipment and property used in connection with the administration of functions transferred under this act and all documents and records pertaining to such functions are transferred to the Wisconsin department of veterans' affairs concurrently with the transfer of personnel and functions.

(5) All outstanding determinations, rules, regulations and policies of any department consolidated by this act in effect just prior to July 1, 1945 shall continue in effect until rescinded, modified or repealed by the department of veterans' affairs.

SECTION 28. This act shall take effect July 1, 1945.

Deposited without approval of Governor.

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CHAPTER 581.

AN ACT to amend 37.11 (5) and 37.12 of the statutes, relating to college courses at normal schools.

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

SECTION 1. 37.11 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

37.11 (5) To prescribe the courses of study and the various books to be used in such schools, and upon completion of a