

**1999 SENATE BILL 288**

November 10, 1999 – Introduced by Senators MOEN, RISSER, BRESKE, DECKER, BURKE, FITZGERALD, LAZICH, GROBSCHMIDT, WIRCH, BAUMGART, ROESSLER, CLAUSING, SCHULTZ, DARLING, DRZEWIECKI, FARROW, WELCH, RUDE, ZIEN, JAUCH, GEORGE, A. LASEE, HUELSMAN, ERPENBACH, SHIBILSKI and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives BRANDEMUEHL, MUSSER, TURNER, WAUKAU, GROTHMAN, MEYERHOFER, PORTER, HAHN, RILEY, BOCK, J. LEHMAN, ALBERS, GOETSCH, PETROWSKI, PLOUFF, LADWIG, KELSO, SYKORA, SERATTI, HASENOHRL, SPILLNER, GUNDRUM, KESTELL, MONTGOMERY, RYBA, NASS, PETTIS, RHOADES, OWENS, PLALE, COGGS, SKINDRUD, GUNDERSON, HUBER, KREUSER, LASSA, HUNDERTMARK, HUEBSCH, HANDRICK, BOYLE, UNDERHEIM, REYNOLDS, KREIBICH, CARPENTER, SCHNEIDER, HUTCHISON, SUDER, GARD, GRONEMUS, OTT, MORRIS-TATUM, HOVEN, MEYER, VRAKAS, HUBLER, LA FAVE, TRAVIS, JOHNSRUD, POCAN, WARD, JENSEN, BLACK, WIECKERT and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 20.485 (2) (q), 21.11 (3) and 45.19 of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2 military honors funerals for veterans and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill gives the department of veterans affairs (DVA) the authority to coordinate a program that uses national guard members and local units of member organizations of the council on veteran programs to provide military honors funerals to deceased veterans. Under the bill, the adjutant general is given authority to activate national guard members to serve on honors details at military honors funerals for deceased veterans. The bill also allows DVA to reimburse the local units of veterans organizations for the costs of providing military honors funerals for deceased veterans. The maximum reimbursement to a local veterans organization is \$50 per funeral. Currently, local veterans groups provide military honors funerals for deceased veterans on an ad hoc basis, using volunteers.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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2 **20.485 Veterans affairs, department of**

3 (2) LOANS AND AIDS TO VETERANS

4 (q) Military honors funerals SEG B -0- 55,000

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.485 (2) (q) of the statutes is created to read:6 20.485 (2) (q) *Military honors funerals.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule  
7 to provide military honors funerals for veterans under s. 45.19.8 **SECTION 3.** 21.11 (3) of the statutes is created to read:9 21.11 (3) The adjutant general may activate members of the national guard for  
10 the purpose of serving on an honors detail of a military honors funeral for a deceased  
11 veteran under s. 45.19.12 **SECTION 4.** 45.19 of the statutes is created to read:13 **45.19 Military honors funerals.** The department of veterans affairs shall  
14 administer a program to coordinate the provision of military honors funerals to  
15 deceased veterans by local units of member organizations of the council on veterans  
16 programs and by members of the Wisconsin national guard activated under s. 21.11  
17 (3). From the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (q), the department shall reimburse  
18 a local unit of a member organization of the council on veterans programs for the  
19 costs of providing a military honors funeral to a deceased veteran whose family has  
20 insufficient resources to pay those costs. The reimbursement may not exceed \$50 for  
21 each military honors funeral.22 **SECTION 5. Appropriation changes; veterans affairs.**23 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
24 to the the department of veterans affairs under section 20.485 (2) (u) of the statutes,

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1 as affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar amount is increased by \$27,500 for fiscal  
2 year 1999–00 and the dollar amount is increased by \$85,500 for fiscal year 2000–01  
3 to increase the authorized FTE positions by 2.0 SEG positions on May 1, 2000, to  
4 administer the military honors funeral program.

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