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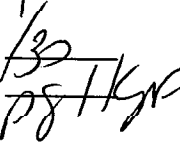
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WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY



PEGGY KRUSICK
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

TO: Robert Nelson, Senior Attorney
FROM: Peggy Krusick
DATE: December 12, 2001
SUBJECT: Veterans' Cash Bonus Bill

Please draft a bill that would provide a cash bonus of up to \$500 to all state wartime veterans who have served since World War II or their heirs.

Attached are a Fiscal Bureau memo that includes a description of this proposal (please refer to #2 in paragraph one) and the 1967 Assembly Bill from which it was in part derived. Please make the effective date of the bill January 1, 2003.

This bill was requested by a constituent. Please feel free to call Christian in my office if you have any questions. Thanks for your help.



Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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October 22, 2001

TO: Representative Margaret Krusick
Room 128 North, State Capitol

FROM: Darin Renner, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT: Veterans' Bonus Proposal

You have requested that this office develop fiscal estimates for proposed legislation that would be similar to 1967 Assembly Bill 191, which would have established a veterans' bonus fund. You have requested cost estimates for a lump-sum veterans' bonus that might be provided to: (1) all Wisconsin veterans who have served since World War II, or to their heirs; (2) ~~only those veterans who have served since World War II during conflict periods or to their heirs~~; and (3) only living veterans who have served since World War II during conflict periods. As we understand your proposal, the veterans' bonus would be paid from the general fund, beginning on January 1, 2002. The remainder of this memorandum briefly describes the veterans' bonus concept, as originally contained in 1967 Assembly Bill 191 and then provides the requested fiscal estimates, based on currently available military service data.

Under 1967 Assembly Bill 191, veterans' bonuses would have been payable to World War II and Korean Conflict veterans in the following amounts: (1) \$10 per month of service in the contiguous 48 states; (2) \$15 per month of service elsewhere; (3) an additional \$5 per month, if the veteran was wounded or killed in combat. This one-time bonus would have been paid to the veteran or his or her heir (defined as a surviving unremarried widow or widower, children, mother or father, in that order, unless otherwise designated by the veteran). The maximum award would have been \$500 per eligible veteran. The bill would have required veterans to be a resident of Wisconsin for at least one year prior to enlistment or induction in order to be eligible for a bonus.

Bonus Payable to All Wisconsin Veterans. Table 1 provides the estimated cost of providing a maximum \$500 bonus to all Wisconsin veterans who have served, from World War II through the Persian Gulf conflict or to their heirs. These estimates assume that each veteran would seek a bonus payment, and in the case of deceased veteran, there would be an eligible living heir, who would request a bonus payment. To the extent that an eligible veteran or an eligible heir (if any) would not request a bonus payment, the estimated costs shown in Table 1 would be reduced.

Estimated costs would also be reduced in those cases where a veteran did not qualify for a maximum payment of \$500. There is no reliable way to estimate the extent of these types of cost reductions. Consequently, the cost projections presented in these estimates represent the likely upper limit of costs under each of the eligibility scenarios.

TABLE 1

**Projected Costs of Veterans' Bonuses Payable to All
Wisconsin Service Members and Veterans
(World War II to Date)**

<u>Period of Service</u>	<u>Number That Served</u>	<u>Maximum Cost (\$500 Bonus Payment)</u>
World War II	332,200	\$166,100,000
Korean Conflict	132,000	66,000,000
Vietnam Era	165,400	82,700,000
Persian Gulf	10,400	5,200,000
Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and Somalia	1,346	673,000
Living Peacetime Veterans	<u>118,761</u>	<u>59,380,500</u>
Total	760,107	\$380,053,500

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, May, 2001.

The military service figures in Table 1 are derived from data compiled by the U.S. Veterans Administration and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and reported to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. The figures for peacetime veterans are incomplete. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has compiled data on the number of living peacetime veterans who served during the periods: (1) between the end of the Korean Conflict and the beginning of the Vietnam Era; (2) between the Vietnam Era and the beginning of the Persian Gulf Conflict; and (3) "other peacetime service." No data appears to be available either for the number of living peacetime veterans who served between the end of World War II and the beginning of the Korean Conflict or for the number of deceased peacetime veterans who served during any of the above periods. To the extent that these missing veterans (or their heirs) could be identified and added to the numbers presented in Table 1, the costs projections in the table would increase further.

The figures presented in Table 1 (as well as Table 2 below) include an estimated 28,000 individuals who have served during the Vietnam Era, the Persian Gulf Conflict and in other smaller actions and are currently still on active duty. Technically, these individuals are not yet veterans, and if the individuals were not included in the Table 1 (or Table 2) cost estimates, the estimated maximum cost of the veterans' bonus program would be reduced by an additional \$14,000,000. Depending on how any proposed veterans' bonus program is actually drafted, these individuals might also become eligible for the bonus once they separated from active service.

Bonus Payable to All Wisconsin Wartime Veterans. Table 2 provides the estimated cost of providing a maximum \$500 bonus to all state wartime veterans who have served since World War II or to their heirs.

TABLE 2

Projected Cost of Veterans' Bonuses Payable to All Wartime Wisconsin Service Members and Veterans (World War II to Date)

<u>Period of Service</u>	<u>Number That Served</u>	<u>Maximum Cost (\$500 Bonus Payment)</u>
World War II	332,200	\$166,100,000
Korean Conflict	132,000	66,000,000
Vietnam Era	165,400	82,700,000
Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and Somalia	1,346	673,000
Persian Gulf	<u>10,400</u>	<u>5,200,000</u>
Total	641,346	\$320,673,000

Source: Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, May, 2001.

Bonus Payable to Living Wisconsin Veterans. Table 3 provides the estimated cost of providing a maximum \$500 bonus to all living wartime and peacetime Wisconsin veterans who have served since World War II. Heirs would not be eligible for a bonus payment under this cost scenario.

TABLE 3

Projected Cost of Veterans' Bonuses Payable to Living Wisconsin Veterans (World War II to date)

<u>Period of Service</u>	<u>Number of Veterans</u>	<u>Maximum Cost (\$500 Bonus Payment)</u>
World War II (WWII) only	84,624	\$42,312,000
Korean Conflict & WWII	7,066	3,533,000
Korean Conflict only	58,599	29,299,500
Vietnam, Korean Conflict & WWII	3,014	1,507,000
Vietnam & Korean Conflict	5,216	2,608,000
Vietnam only	147,035	73,517,500
Gulf War & Vietnam	5,102	2,551,000
Gulf War, Vietnam and Korean Conflict	3	1,500
Gulf War only	48,783	24,391,500
Peacetime	<u>118,761</u>	<u>59,380,500</u>
Total	478,203	\$239,101,500

Source: Office of the Actuary, Office of Policy and Planning, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VetPop 2000 data.

Currently, it is estimated that annual separations from the military by Wisconsin residents will average 3,300 per year. The annualized maximum cost for providing a bonus to these veterans would be \$1,650,000.

The bonus payment structure proposed in 1967 AB 191 (based on location of the military service, period served and whether the veteran was injured or killed in combat) could reduce the average bonus payments to less than \$500 per veteran, thereby reducing the overall cost of the bonuses. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs' files on Wisconsin veterans contain service information including where the individual served and whether they were injured in combat. However the Department does not currently track all of the information that might be needed to determine the amount of an eligible veteran's bonus payment. Under the 1967 bill the Department, with assistance from the Department of Administration, would have been responsible for verifying the eligibility of the bonuses and the issuance of bonus certificates. It is likely that additional staffing would be needed to verify veterans' bonus eligibility. Funding for these administrative costs would increase the cost of the program.

I hope this information is helpful.

DR/lah

VETERANS' BONUS BILL

~~1967 ASSEMBLY BILL 1917~~

FOR "VETERAN", WHO WAS RESIDENT OF WISCONSIN FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO HIS ENLISTMENT OR INDUCTION.

February 15, 1967 - Introduced by Assemblymen ATKINSON and RADCLIFFE;

co-sponsored by Senator BENSON. Referred to Committee on Veterans'

and Military Affairs. - CONSISTING OF - CHAIR - CLEMENS -

VICE CHAIR - GEHRMANN - MEMBERS - G.K. ANDERSON - BELLANTE - KAVANAUGH - ATKINSON - ADRIAN - MATO - G ROSHEK - VERNA M. MAUDERS - J. MAUDERS (DIED 6/22/67)

~~WAS KILLED THE BILL BY NEVER REPORTING IT OUT OF COMMITTEE~~

AN ACT to amend 20.840 (2) (y); and to create 20.840 (4), 25.17 (1) (jm), 25.45, 45.36, 71.03 (2) (e) and 139.03 (2m) of the statutes, relating to a bonus for veterans and providing revenue therefor, creating a veterans bonus fund, granting rule-making power and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposal establishes a veterans bonus for veterans of World War II (service from August 27, 1940 to July 25, 1947) and the Korean conflict (service from June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1953). The bonus is financed by a 50% increase in the tax on intoxicating liquors beginning January 1, 1968.

The bonus, which is payable to a veteran for his heirs, is not payable under the state income tax and may not exceed \$500 for any one veteran.

The bonus is paid in the form of a certificate issued by the department of veterans affairs, which is payable in 15 years and bears interest at 2% per year.

The amount of the bonus for a veteran is computed as follows:

- A. \$10 for each month of service during the stated periods within the 48 contiguous states for the 1st year of such service and \$6 per month in excess of one year.
 - B. \$15 for each month of service elsewhere.
 - C. If the veteran was wounded or killed in combat or disabled in a combat zone, an extra \$5 per month for service covered under par. B.
- For additional information, see the fiscal note appended to the bill.

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

LAWFUL

~~THIS WAS LAST BONUS BILL INTRODUCED IN THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE STARTING IN 1971 WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE REGULATED BONUS FOR THEMSELVES~~

Peggy! If the legislature didnt stop working on bonus bills for all 34 years ago, we would have had a bonus bill before you were elected.

Peggy - 96 only bonus bills enacted after 1967 were 5.41.09(3)(c) and 5.40.02(15)(c) which benefited public officials and employees only.

1 SECTION 1. At the appropriate place in the schedule in section
2 20.005 of the statutes, insert the following amounts for the purposes
3 indicated:

	1967-68	1968-69
4		
5 <u>Veterans affairs department</u>	20.840	
6 <u>Veterans bonuses</u>	(4)	
7 <u>Administrative costs</u>	(b) A	\$

8 SECTION 2. 20.840 (2) (y) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 20.840 (2) (y) After deducting the appropriations made under pars.
10 (u) to (xm), a sum sufficient for the payment of housing loans granted to
11 veterans and the payment of expense and other payments as a consequence
12 of being mortgagee or owner under s. 45.352. All repayments of loans
13 and payments of interest made on loans under s. 45.352 shall revert to
14 the veterans trust fund, ~~but on July 1, 1968, and annually thereafter;~~
15 ~~there is transferred from the veterans trust fund to the veterans bonus~~
16 ~~fund a sum equal to one third of the amount received in the previous~~
17 ~~fiscal year by the veterans trust fund from repayment of housing loans~~
18 ~~made pursuant to s. 45.352 and, beginning July 1, 1973, and annually~~
19 ~~thereafter, an additional amount equal to one third of the amount received~~
20 ~~in the previous fiscal year by the veterans trust fund from the repayment~~
21 ~~of housing loans made pursuant to s. 45.352 .~~

22 SECTION 3. 20.840 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

23 20.840 (4) Veterans bonuses. From the veterans bonus fund:

24 (a) Payments. A sum sufficient for making bonus payments under
25 s. 45.36.

26 (b) Administrative costs. The amounts in the schedule for the ad-
27 ministration of its functions under s. 45.36.

28 SECTION 4. 25.17 (1) (jm) of the statutes is created to read:

29 25.17 (1) (jm) Veterans bonus fund (s. 25.45);

30 SECTION 5. 25.45 of the statutes is created to read:

25.45 VETERANS BONUS FUND. (1) All money received under s. 139.03 (2m) together with all other moneys appropriated or transferred thereto by law shall constitute the veterans bonus fund.

(2) These moneys shall be disbursed as provided in s. 45.36.

SECTION 6. 45.36 of the statutes is created to read:

45.36 VETERANS ADJUSTED BONUS. (1) In this section:

(a) "Department" means the department of veterans affairs.

(b) "Certificate" means a veterans adjusted bonus certificate.

(c) "Heir" means the surviving unmarried widow, unmarried widower, child, or mother or father of a veteran who, in the order named, are entitled to the benefits under this section of such veteran if he died before receiving such benefits and did not legally designate a person to receive the same, but if the veteran did legally designate a person to receive such benefits the person so designated shall be the heir entitled to receive such benefits.

(d) "Bonus" means the compensation which a veteran is entitled to and receives from the state under this section.

(e) "Veteran" means any person who served under honorable conditions in the active military or naval service of the United States for 90 days or more during either period specified in s. 45.35 (5a) (f) or (g) or if having served less than 90 days was honorably discharged for a service-connected disability or for a disability subsequently adjudicated to have been service-connected, or who was officially reported missing in action, killed in action or who died in service during either such periods, who was a resident of this state for at least one year prior to his enlistment or induction. *

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(2) In recognition of the services performed by veterans, the state shall pay to each veteran or his heirs a bonus, in the amount, at the time and in the manner provided in this section.

(a) The bonus to which a veteran is entitled is an amount equivalent

to ~~\$10 per month~~ for each month he was based in or was in service during the period specified in s. 45.35 (5a) (f) and (g) ~~within the continental limits of the United States~~, but not including Alaska, the Panama Canal zone or Hawaii, for not exceeding one year of such service and ~~\$5 per month for each month of such service in excess of one year~~. For service outside the continental limits of the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii and the Panama Canal zone, \$15 for each month of such service, except that where a veteran was wounded or killed in combat or was disabled in a combat zone he shall be entitled to an additional \$5 per month for each month in such service outside of the continental limits of the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii and the Panama Canal zone. The department may accept a ~~certification from the U.S. veterans administration as proof~~ of such periods and conditions of service. The ~~bonus paid to any veteran shall not exceed \$50~~ in the aggregate, ~~including interest~~.

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(b) The ~~bonus shall be paid to the veteran or his heirs, in the form of a certificate due and payable in 15 years and to bear interest at 2% per annum~~. The ~~bonus certificates shall be nontransferable~~ except that any federal or state chartered bank may purchase such certificates as an investment and hold them to maturity.

(c) The ~~department shall make available~~ to each living veteran, or his next of kin if deceased, ~~an application blank for the bonus~~ and shall as soon after July 1, 1967, as possible forward to each veteran or next of kin, so requesting, an application for said bonus. The ~~department shall~~ as soon after January 1, 1968 as possible ~~forward~~ to each veteran, or his next of kin, who has filed a certified and approved application for said bonus, ~~a bonus certificate duly authorizing the veterans bonus fund to redeem said certificate as provided in par. (b)~~. The ~~application shall state the name and address of the veteran or his next of kin, if deceased, the date the veteran entered service, the dates in service in the continental~~

United States and the dates of service outside the continental limits of the United States as defined in par. (a), and where enlistment or in ~~direction occurred~~ and shall include a certification that he qualifies under sub. (1) (e) for said bonus. The application shall include a statement of wounds or disability received and the date of discharge, if any, or if killed in action or in a combat zone, the date and location of such occurrence. The application shall contain reasonable proof of the claims made and the department may require further proof of claims if such are questionable. Certification from the U.S. veterans administration shall be considered as proof of a claim in any application. In the case of reservists or retired veterans a certificate of satisfactory service or attested facsimile thereof shall accompany the application in lieu of date of discharge.

(3) This section shall be administered by the department with such assistance from the department of administration as the department requires.

SECTION 7. 71.03 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

71.03 (2) (e) Bonus certificates and all bonus benefits received by any person under s. 45.36.

SECTION 8. 139.03 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

139.03 (2m) On and after January 1, 1968, an additional tax of 50% of the tax enumerated in the table in sub. (2a) is levied. This additional tax shall be imposed on all intoxicating liquors sold in this state and shall be deposited in the veterans bonus fund under s. 25.45 and shall not be subject to distribution under s. 139.13. This subsection shall be effective as to collections as of January 1, 1968.

(End)

SEE NEXT PAGE
FISCAL NOTE
TO AB191 OF 1967

ASSEMBLY BILL 191

VETERANS' BONUS BILL

FISCAL NOTE: This proposal provides for the payment of bonuses to veterans of World War I and the Korean Conflict, who were residents of this state for at least one year prior to their entry into service, or, if deceased, to their heirs. These bonuses will be paid by the redemption of bonus certificates due and payable in years from date issued which certifies bearing interest at the rate of 2% per annum.

Based upon a study of bonus statistics supplied to the department by other states, upon defense department statistics, and upon a study of certain applications for benefits submitted to the department, it is estimated that 425,000 veterans and heirs of deceased veterans will qualify for average bonuses of \$400 for a total amount disbursed to bonuses of \$170,000,000 plus \$40,000,000 in interest for a total amount disbursed of \$210,000,000. (The estimated amount of interest is based upon 15 years 2% simple interest, or 30% interest, on each bonus certificate issued.) It is estimated that the cost of administration of this program will be approximately \$4,800,000 over the period of the program.

The heaviest cost of administration of the program will be during the current biennium because the department of veterans affairs will assistance from the department of administration, is required to make available to all living veterans, or their next of kin if deceased, application blanks for bonuses as soon after July 1, 1967, as possible and to issue bonus certificates to qualified veterans and next of kin as soon as possible after January 1, 1968. It is estimated that the total cost of administration for the 1967-69 biennium will be \$3,270,000.

The cost of administration of this program with the substantially higher per bonus application received than the cost to other

states paying bonuses to World War I and Korean Conflict veterans because other states paid such bonuses during periods when salaries were lower and because the evidence necessary to establish eligibility for bonuses, especially evidence of one year residence prior to entry into service, will be much more difficult to obtain in the average case than it was at the time bonuses were paid by other states.

It is further estimated that \$12,000,000 will be paid to the veterans' bonus fund during the biennium from the additional tax of 50% on intoxicating liquor, beginning January 1, 1968. This estimate is based on the assumption that there will be only a slight decrease in the amount of intoxicating liquor sold in the state as a result of this 50% increase in the state tax imposed on such liquor.

An estimated additional \$10,700,000 will be transferred to the veterans' bonus fund on July 1, 1968, representing 50% of the amount received by the veterans' trust fund in fiscal 67-68 from repayment of housing loans.

Assuming that the amounts paid into the veterans' bonus fund from both the above sources are invested by the investment board and, in interest, the total which will accumulate in the bonus fund in the 15-year period from January 1, 1968, to January 1, 1983, will more than cover cost of administration and amounts which will be paid in bonuses and interest on bonus certificates.

No money will be paid to veterans or the heirs of deceased veterans until January 1, 1984, and it is anticipated that the majority of bonus certificates will be redeemed during fiscal 82-83 and fiscal 83-84.

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 351

April 24, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, BOYLE, RYBA and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.485 (2) (cg) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to World War
2 II veterans and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the department of veterans affairs (DVA) to award a grant of \$500 to each World War II veteran who meets all of the following requirements:

1. The veteran served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces during World War II. Current law defines World War II as the war period from August 27, 1940, to July 25, 1947.

2. The veteran is a resident of this state, has been a resident of this state for any consecutive five-year period, or was a resident of this state at the time of his or her entry or reentry into service in the U.S. armed forces.

3. The veteran applies for the grant on an application developed by DVA.

Under the bill, an eligible veteran may only receive one grant.

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

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3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
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ASSEMBLY BILL 351

SECTION 1

1 2001-02 2002-03

2 **20.485 Veterans affairs, department of**

3 (2) LOANS AND AIDS TO VETERANS

4 (eg) Grants to World War II veterans GPR A -0- -0-

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.485 (2) (eg) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.485 (2) (eg) *Grants to World War II veterans.* From the general fund, the
7 amounts in the schedule for grants to veterans of World War II under 2001 Wisconsin
8 Act (this act), section 3.

9 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

10 (1) GRANTS TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS.

11 (a) *Definition.* In this subsection, "World War II veteran" means an individual
12 who served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces
13 during the World War II war period designated under section 45.35 (5) (e) 6. of the
14 statutes.

15 (b) *Grants.* From the appropriation account under section 20.485 (2) (eg) of the
16 statutes, as created by 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), the department of veterans
17 affairs shall provide a grant of \$500 to each World War II veteran who meets the
18 eligibility requirements under par. (c).

19 (c) *Eligibility requirements.* A World War II veteran is eligible for a grant under
20 this subsection if the veteran meets all of the following requirements:

21 1. The veteran meets one of the following requirements:

22 a. The veteran is a resident of this state.

23 b. The veteran has been a resident of this state for any consecutive 5-year
24 period following his or her entry or reentry into service.



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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AN ACT *Gen*; relating to: bonus payments to veterans who served in a war period or crisis, beginning with those veterans who served in World War II, and making ~~an~~ appropriation. *3*

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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15 government shall constitute the separate nonlapsible war veterans fund.

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19 Bosnia crisis or conflict, as described in s. 45.34 ←

20 (b) "Department" means the department of veterans affairs.

21 (c) "Heir" means the surviving unremarried widow, unremarried widower,
22 children, and parents of the veteran, in that order.

1 (d) "War period" means a war period designated under s. 45.35 (5) (e) 6., 6m.,

2 *7, and 8. fe and 9.*

3 (e) "War veteran" means an individual who served on active duty under
4 honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces during a crisis or war period.

5 (2) (a) [✓]To be eligible for a payment under sub. (3), a war veteran must have been
6 a resident of this state for at least one year before his or her enlistment or induction
7 into the U.S. armed forces.

8 (b) To be eligible for a payment under sub. (3), a war veteran, or his or her heir
9 or ^{legally} designated person, must be a resident of this state at the time of making
10 application for a payment.

11 (3) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.485 [✓](2) (b), the department shall
12 make a payment to each eligible war veteran. If the war veteran is deceased, the
13 payment shall be made to an eligible person that the veteran has legally designated
14 to receive the payment. If the war veteran did not legally designate a person to
15 receive the payment, the payment shall be made to an eligible heir. If there is more
16 than one surviving eligible child or parent of the veteran, the children or parents
17 shall share the payment equally.

18 (b) The amount of the payment may not exceed \$500, excluding interest, and
19 shall be determined as follows:

20 1. For each month that the war veteran was in service within the contiguous
21 48 states or District of Columbia during a crisis or war period, the war veteran is
22 entitled to \$10 for up to 12 months of that service and \$5 for each month of that
23 service in excess of 12 months.

24 2. For each month that the war veteran was in service outside the contiguous
25 48 states and District of Columbia during a crisis or war period, the war veteran is

1 entitled to \$15, except that if the war veteran was wounded or killed in combat or
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 7 the war veteran for purposes of par. (b).

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 9 payable in 15 years and shall accrue interest at the rate of 2% per year. The voucher
 10 is nontransferable.

11 (4) The department shall create, and make available a form for applying for a
 12 payment under sub. (3) at no cost to eligible war veterans, ^{to} the eligible persons
 13 designated by veterans or eligible heirs if the veterans are deceased, and to county
 14 veterans' service officers and veterans' organizations. The form shall be made
 15 available no later than April 1, 2003.

16 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

17 (1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2003.

18 (END)

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4 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume. The department of revenue may, by rule, set the
5 amount of the taxes imposed under this section for various sizes of containers if the
6 amounts set are in the same proportion to the size of the containers as the rate per
7 liter under this subsection.

History: 1971 c. 125, 164, 211, 336; 1973 c. 121; 1975 c. 224; 1977 c. 12, 81, 203, 418; 1981 c. 20; 1981 c. 79 s. 18; 1981 c. 317; 1983 a. 27; 1985 a. 302; 1987 a. 312 s. 17; 1987 a. 399; 1993 a. 482; 1995 a. 233; 1997 a. 27, 136, 237; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16.

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9 139.03 (4m) One-third of the revenue collected from the tax imposed under
10 sub. (2m) shall be deposited in the war veterans fund.
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For this draft, I have included an appropriation but have specified "\$-0-" for expenditure in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03. When you know the dollar amounts that you need to include in the proposal, contact me and I will either redraft the proposal or draft an amendment, whichever is appropriate.

I deleted the language in the 1967 bill that created a certificate that could be purchased by a bank to avoid any possible argument that the certificate was a debt incurred or security issued by the state, which could raise constitutional issues regarding public debt. Instead, I made the payment in the form of a voucher that is held for 15 years and bears interest at 2% per year.

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DRAFTER'S NOTE
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January 30, 2002

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Nelson, Robert P.

From: Moran, Christian
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2002 3:53 PM
To: Nelson, Robert P.
Subject: Vets Bonus Bill (LRB-4424/P1)

Hi, Robert. A few questions/requests regarding this preliminary bill draft.

- Should the statute referred to on page 2, line 13 be s. 139.03 (2m), rather than s. 139.03 (4m)? *Yes*
- Can the bill be drafted so the bonus would be payable within one year of its enactment? Under the current draft, eligible persons would get the bonus in 15 years--which may be too late for the WWII veterans who've requested this bill. (I'm thinking one problem with moving the payment up 14 years would be a lack of funding generated by the liquor tax increase) ✓
- Under current law, does all money generated by the liquor tax go into the general fund? *Yes*
- Is it necessary to include a funding source within this bill? Or could this bill be funded more generally with GPR money, without the liquor tax increase?

Thanks for your help. Feel free to call to talk about this request.

Christian
Peggy Krusick's office
6-1733

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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AN ACT *to amend* 139.03 (2m); and *to create* 20.485 (2) (b) and (bd), 25.17 (1) (yo), 25.38 and 45.40 of the statutes; **relating to:** bonus payments to veterans who served in a war period or crisis, beginning with those veterans who served in World War II, and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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24 ~~SECTION 7. Effective date.~~

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15 and June 30, 2005.

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DRAFTER'S NOTE
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February 25, 2002

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Nelson, Robert P.

From: Moran, Christian
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2002 2:30 PM
To: Nelson, Robert P.
Subject: Cash bonus for veterans (LRB-4424/P2)

Bob,

A few questions regarding the latest draft of the bill (LRB-4424/P2) to provide a cash bonus to state war veterans.

✓ First, section 2 on page 2, line 4, creates statute 20.485 (2) (b). Doesn't this statute (Wisconsin veterans museum rental space) already exist? *No - that is (2)(c)*

sure ✓ Second, is it possible to clarify s. 45.40 (2) (a), page 3, lines 1-3, so as to require eligible recipients of the bonus to have been enlisted or inducted into the U.S. armed forces while they were residents of Wisconsin? As it's currently drafted, wouldn't it be possible for someone to claim the bonus even if they had been enlisted or inducted while living in another state? It appears that the bill only requires them to have lived in the state for at least 1 year before enlistment or induction.

✓ Third, on page 3, line ¹⁶18 is it necessary to delete "excluding interest"? Now that there's no war veterans fund and the veterans are not being given vouchers, this reference to interest would no longer seem applicable.

✓ Fourth, can you amend s. 45.40 (3) (b) (1), page 3, lines 18-21, so that the war veterans referenced here would be entitled to \$10 for each month of service regardless of the number?

Finally, we don't have a fiscal estimate for this bill. Can it be introduced without a specified appropriation?

Thanks.

yes

Christian
Peggy Krusick's office
6-1733

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Nelson, Robert P.

From: Moran, Christian
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2002 9:25 AM
To: Nelson, Robert P.
Subject: Cash bonus for veterans (LRB-4424/P2)

Good morning, Bob.

What I hope is the last change to the bill. Please delete statute 45.40 (2) (b), page 3, lines 4-6, which requires bonus applicants to be state residents at the time of application.

The rationale for deleting this provision is that eligible veterans are being given a bonus for their wartime service when they were residents. Where they live now really should have no bearing on whether or not they're eligible for the bonus.

Do you know when this bill will be ready for introduction? We want to be sure to get this introduced before session ends on Thursday.

As always, thanks.

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 2 who was a resident of this state ~~for at least one year before~~ ^{at the time of} his or her enlistment or
 3 induction into the U.S. armed forces. ~~and for at least one year~~ ^{before that enlistment or}
 4 ^{induction}

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 6 or legally designated person, must be a resident of this state at the time of making
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 13 ^{in writing} to receive the payment. If the war veteran did not legally designate a person to
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17 1979, and before January 1, 2003, the payment shall be made between July 1, 2006,
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21 designated by veterans or eligible heirs if the veterans are deceased, and to county
22 veterans' service officers and veterans' organizations. The form shall be made
23 available no later than April 1, 2003.

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* This bill provides a bonus payment to persons who served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces before January 1, 2003, and during a war period or a crisis, such as in Lebanon in 1982, Libya in 1986, Somalia in 1992, or Bosnia in 1995. To be eligible for a payment under this bill, the veteran must have been a resident at the time of his or her enlistment or induction into the armed forces. Under the bill, the payment may be made to the veteran, or, if he or she is deceased, to a person designated by the veteran or to his or her surviving spouse, children, or parents. ~~The person applying for the payment must be a resident of the state at the time of the application.~~ Under the bill, the amount of the payment may not exceed \$500 and is determined by multiplying the number of months of service in the contiguous 48 states and District of Columbia by \$10 and the number of months of service outside the contiguous 48 states by \$15. If the war veteran was killed or wounded in combat or disabled in a combat zone, the bill provides the veteran an additional \$5 per month of that service. The bill requires the department of veterans affairs to stagger the payments. For example, the department is required to make * payments between July 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004, on behalf of a veteran who service ended before January 1, 1950, while the payments on behalf of a veteran who served * between January 1, 1960, and January 1, 1980, are made between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006.

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