

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 238

March 22, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives WALKER, JENSEN, ALBERS, BERCEAU, BOCK, CARPENTER, COGGS, DUFF, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, GUNDRUM, HAHN, HUNDERTMARK, JESKEWITZ, KESTELL, KRAWCZYK, KREUSER, LADWIG, LASSA, J. LEHMAN, LIPPERT, MCCORMICK, D. MEYER, MILLER, MUSSER, NASS, OWENS, PETTIS, PLOUFF, POCAN, POWERS, RHOADES, RILEY, RYBA, SERATTI, SHERMAN, STARZYK, STONE, SUDER, SYKORA, STASKUNAS, TOWNSEND, TURNER, VRAKAS, WADE and WOOD, cosponsored by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, ROSENZWEIG, BRESKE, COWLES, DARLING, DECKER, S. FITZGERALD, HARSDFORF, LAZICH, PLACHE, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ and BAUMGART. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 14.16 (10) and 118.02 (17) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 designating and observing Prisoners of War Remembrance Day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill designates April 9th as “Prisoners of War Remembrance Day” and requires the governor to issue annually a suitable proclamation for the observance of the day and to request that some portion of the day be used for solemn contemplation on the plight of U.S. prisoners of war. The bill also requires schools to appropriately observe the day.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 14.16 (10) of the statutes is created to read:
4 **14.16 (10) PRISONERS OF WAR REMEMBRANCE DAY.** To recognize the sacrifices of
5 those persons who suffered captivity in foreign countries while in active service with
6 the U.S. armed forces, April 9 of each year is designated “Prisoners of War
7 Remembrance Day.” The governor shall issue annually a suitable proclamation for
8 the observance of “Prisoners of War Remembrance Day” and request that some

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1 portion of the day be used for solemn contemplation on the plight of members of the
2 U.S. armed forces who have been held prisoners of war.

3 **SECTION 2.** 118.02 (17) of the statutes is created to read:

4 118.02 (17) April 9, Prisoners of War Remembrance Day.

5 (END)