

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
National guard active service; operation enduring freedom package					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would expand the war periods that qualify a veteran to be eligible for veterans benefits provided under Chapter 45 Wis. Stats. to include Operation Enduring Freedom or a successor to Operation Enduring Freedom. This would include any National Guard or Reservists who serve in the U.S. armed forces during that period for purposes other than training. The bill would also expand eligibility to include eligible spouses and dependents. Under current law, most all of the veterans who would be eligible under Operation Enduring Freedom would be eligible under the existing Persian Gulf War period. Based on current law, and assuming the continuation of the Persian Gulf War, there would be little, if any, fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

However, if the Persian Gulf war period were to end prior to Operation Enduring Freedom or a successor operation to Operation Enduring Freedom, then there would be veterans who would be eligible for state benefits that would not otherwise have qualified for those benefits. It is not known at this time whether the Persian Gulf war period will end prior to Operation Enduring Freedom, including any successor operation. Moreover, if that situation were to occur, it is not known how many additional veterans would qualify for benefits. For these reasons, it is not possible to provide an accurate estimate of the fiscal impact of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications