

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 497

September 19, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, STARZYK, PETTIS, KRAWCZYK, RYBA, BOYLE, HUNDERTMARK, AINSWORTH, HEBL, TURNER, URBAN, HAHN, HUEBSCH, PLOUFF, SUDER, M. LEHMAN, KRUG, BIES, COGGS, J. FITZGERALD, LASSA, OWENS, OTT, MEYERHOFER, RICHARDS, POCAN, VRAKAS, GUNDRUM, WALKER, CARPENTER, GUNDERSON, MILLER, HOVEN, FREESE, KEDZIE, JESKEWITZ and STONE, cosponsored by Senators MOEN, S. FITZGERALD, HARSDFORF, PLACHE, HANSEN, MOORE, COWLES, DARLING, GROBSCHMIDT and ROESSLER. 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 POW–MIA Recognition Day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill designates the third Friday in September as “POW–MIA Recognition Day.” The bill 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 individuals who are or have been U.S. prisoners of war or missing in action. 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) POW–MIA RECOGNITION DAY.** To recognize the sacrifices of those
5 persons who suffered or suffer captivity in foreign countries while in active service
6 with the U.S. armed forces or who are or were missing in action, the 3rd Friday of
7 September of each year is designated “POW–MIA Recognition Day.” The governor
8 shall issue annually a suitable proclamation for the observance of “POW–MIA

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1 Recognition Day” and request that some portion of the day be used for solemn
2 contemplation on the plight of members of the U.S. armed forces who are or have
3 been held prisoners of war and members of the U.S. armed forces who are or have
4 been missing in action.

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

6 118.02 (17) Friday of the 3rd week in September, POW–MIA Recognition Day.

7 (END)