



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Senate Bill 281

Senate Amendment 1

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SENATE BILL 281

Among other things, 2001 Senate Bill 281 provides veterans benefits (such as preference in state hiring, vocational training, economic assistance, personal and home loans, and retraining grants) to veterans who were in the U.S. Armed Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom. Under the bill, the person is considered eligible if the person served for 90 days or more in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or an operation that is a successor to Operation Enduring Freedom or served for 90 days or more in the Operation Enduring Freedom theater of operation under all of the following conditions:

1. Under an active duty order, a unit assignment order, or an involuntary extension of an active duty order.
2. Under honorable conditions.
3. Between September 11, 2001, and the ending date of Operation Enduring Freedom or an operation that is a successor to Operation Enduring Freedom, as established by the Department of Veterans Affairs by rule.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 deletes the requirement in the bill that a person must have served for 90 days or more in the Operation Enduring Freedom theater of operation to be eligible for veterans benefits. Under the amendment, a person who served in the Operation Enduring Freedom theater of operation would be eligible for veterans benefits if the person served in that theater for as little as one day.

Senate Amendment 1 was recommended for adoption by the Senate Committee on Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs on October 23, 2001 by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0. The bill, as amended, was recommended for passage by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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