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4. **"Termination of Vehicle Leases"**: The Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act (SSCRA) does not directly address the issue of termination of vehicle leases since when it was drafted in the 1940's there weren't any vehicle leases. Rep Musser, at our request, has already had prepared a tentative bill based on section 21.75, the state version of the SSCRA for State Active Duty. This proposal needs to be modified to cover Federal Active Duty service, not state active duty. *Yes*
5. **Interest Rate Cap on Installment Loans**: This proposal was intended to cover State Active Duty for periods in excess of thirty days, like the Air Port Security duty. I believe this provision is currently covered in section 21.75 created by 2001 WI Act 24, in Nov. of 2001. *No*
6. **Health Insurance Benefit**: Intended to continue, suspend or convert health insurance benefits while on active duty. This right, as to State employees, was incorporated into law by 1999 WI Act 13 which created section 40.05 (4g) giving all state employees these rights. *No*
7. **Professional Liability Insurance**: Permits suspension of professional liability (malpractice) insurance while serving on State active duty. This situation was incorporated into section 21.75 (22) entitled Professional Liability Protection, when 2001 WI Act 24 was passed creating the State SSCRA. It covers when a Guard member is placed on orders for 30 days or more of State Active Duty, or title 32 duty. *No*
8. **Retirement Loan Repayment**: Intended to permit suspension of loan payments for public employees who borrowed against their retirement system savings while they are on active duty. I believe that the WI Employee Trust Fund regulations only allow borrowing from a retirement fund for catastrophic situation. Thus, if such a situation occurred is this service person likely to be deployed? I suspect not. If however Employee Trust Fund regulations say that there are more loan provisions available, then this may well be an attractive provision for someone federally activated, although the pool of potential beneficiaries is small as compared to the total Guard and Reserve forces within the State. *No* *No borrowing says RAC*

9. **Veterans Service Agencies**: Authorizes County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) to provide services to active duty Reserve and Guard members. This is potentially one of the most advantageous provisions in this packet. I strongly recommend its adoption, if State statutes do not currently allow the CVSOs to assist this segment of the service member community. *Yes*

10. **License Extensions**: Provides for automatic extensions for various licenses, such as medical licenses, drivers licenses, vehicle registrations, etc. while service members are on active duty. This provision was already incorporated into chapter 21 with the passage of 2001 WI Act 22 creating section 21.72. *No* *

"Badger Plan" Information Paper
prepared by LTC Terry McArdle April 8, 2003

DVA through Deputy Secretary Scopus recommended to the Governor, the Senate and Assembly Leadership, and the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee chairmen a package of proposals that somewhat mirrors the New York "Patriot Plan" package of benefits.

On Wednesday the 2d of April, Rep Musser met briefly after the Governor's announcement on the State Differential Pay legislation with Katie Boyce, the Governor's Legislative Director. They agreed to meet on the Badger Plan idea.

On Thursday the 3d Rep. Musser came to DMA and met briefly with the Adjutant General, then spent more time with Mr. Larry Olson and LTC McArdle on the Badger Plan.

The result of this is a meeting set for the PM of Wednesday 9th at Rep Musser's office. Those invited by Rep Musser are Sen. Brown or his representative, Katie Boyce and probably the policy person for DVA and DMA, Dep. Sec Scopus and possibly another representative from DVA, Larry Olson and Terry McArdle from DMA.

The topics to be discussed are those found in the proposed Badger Plan and any other topics which may be appropriate, these are:

Special Note—Those items in **bold and underlined** are already in the WI statutes. Those items in **bold and italicized** are bills currently in drafting or already introduced for legislative action. Those items merely in **bold** are new topics for consideration for possible legislation.

1. **"Supplemental Military Leave"**- Basically the Differential Pay Legislation proposed by the Governor and Legislative leadership last week.
2. **Educational Military Leave of Absence and Tuition Relief**- We have half of this now. 2001 WI Act 22 gave service members in the guard and reserve the right to withdraw from tech schools, University system and Private schools. However, it did not give them the automatic right to be re-admitted and not counted against any campus quotas.
3. **Protection Against Military Status Discrimination**: Potentially we do not need this since section 111.34 of the WI Statutes already makes it a violation of the law to discriminate against membership in the Guard and Reserve. It may be best to review the current state law to see if an expansion is required.

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1 AN ACT ~~relating to~~; relating to: the duties of county veterans' service officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, county veterans' service officers provide information and assistance to persons who have served in the U. S. armed forces. The county veterans' service officer helps the veteran and his or her dependents obtain the benefits to which they are entitled and assists them with any complaint or problem related to the service in the U.S. armed forces.

This bill requires the county veterans' service officer to provide the same type of services and assistance to members of the national guard, ^{and} members of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, ~~and~~ their dependents. STET: leave as typed

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

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

2 SECTION 1. 45.43 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 45.43 (5) (c) Cooperate with federal and state agencies which serve or grant
4 aids or benefits to former military personnel, members of the national guard,
5 and
members of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, and their dependents.

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