2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 869

February 19, 2004 – Introduced by Representatives Pettis, Turner and Musser. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 AN ACT *to create* 36.27 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes; **relating to:** exemption from

nonresident tuition at the University of Wisconsin System for certain veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an adult student enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System is exempt from paying nonresident tuition if he or she has been a bona fide Wisconsin resident for at least 12 months before enrollment. In determining bona fide residence, the intent of the person to establish and maintain a permanent home in Wisconsin is determinative, but a student who enters and remains in Wisconsin principally to obtain an education is presumed to continue to reside outside Wisconsin.

This bill grants a nonresident tuition exemption to a person who has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces in one of specified war periods or crises, who is a resident of Wisconsin for purposes of receiving veterans benefits, and whose home of record at the time of entry or reentry into active service was in this state.

For further information see the *state* 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:

SECTION 1. 36.27 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

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36.27 **(2)** (b) 4. A person who has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces, except service on active duty for training purposes, who meets one of the conditions in s. 45.001 (4) (a) 1. a. to d., who is a resident for purposes of receiving benefits under ch. 45, and whose home of record at the time of entry or reentry into active service, as shown on the person's report of separation from the U.S. armed forces for a qualifying period of service, was in this state, is entitled to the exemption under par. (a).

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to students who enroll for classes in the academic year that commences after the effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)