



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 801

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1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 45.35 (3); and *to create* 45.35 (3) (b) and 45.35 (4) (am) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** requiring that the secretary, deputy secretary,
3 executive assistant, and chief legal counsel of the Department of Veterans
4 Affairs be veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the members of the Board of Veterans Affairs (board) are required to be veterans. Currently, the board appoints the secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and the secretary appoints the staff for DVA. Current law requires that all DVA staff be veterans, if possible, and preference is given to disabled veterans.

This bill requires that the secretary, deputy secretary, executive assistant, and chief legal counsel of DVA be veterans.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 45.35 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 45.35 (3) (a).

6 **SECTION 2.** 45.35 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

