

Halverson, Vicky

From: Rep.LehmanM
Sent: Friday, December 05, 2003 11:41 AM
To: 'marc.r.minor@us.army.mil'
Subject: RE: Assembly Bill 647

Lt. Minor:

Thank you for your e-mail message regarding Assembly Bill 647, relating to creating an individual income tax exemption for military income received by certain members of the U.S. Armed forces. I appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

AB 647 was referred to the Ways and Means Committee within the last few weeks. This bill, because it creates an income tax exemption, is required to go before the Joint Committee on Tax Exemptions, which then issues a Report with a detailed analysis of the proposal. I have, on occasion, held public hearings on bills prior to receiving a Tax Exemptions Report. However, I cannot schedule an Executive Session and have the full committee vote on the bill without having the Report in hand.

You may want to contact Rep. Musser and ask him to contact the Co-Chairs of the Tax Exemptions Committee to urge action in that committee on this legislation. I will also contact Rep. Musser and do the same.

Upon receiving and reviewing the Report, I can assure you that I will consider scheduling a public hearing on AB 647.

Rep. Michael "Mickey" Lehman

-----Original Message-----

From: marc.r.minor@us.army.mil [mailto:marc.r.minor@us.army.mil]
Sent: Friday, December 05, 2003 11:18 AM
To: Rep.LehmanM@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Assembly Bill 647

Dear Representative Lehman,

My name is 2nd Lieutenant Marc Minor and I am an active duty service member of the United States Military with Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin as my home of record. I recently received my commission and noticed a significant difference in my net pay when comparing it to my fellow soldiers of the same pay grade with the same time served. This difference is due to my income being taxable to the state of Wisconsin.

Many states from all regions of our country have passed legislation that makes all income of active duty service personnel tax exempt while stationed outside of their state of residency. Why isn't the income of active duty service personnel that have Wisconsin as their home of record also tax exempt?

Many of your colleagues, lead by State Representative Terry Musser, has been proactive in the fight to fix this situation and have introduced Assembly Bill 647. This bill would give all active duty service personnel with Wisconsin as their home of record tax exempt status while serving out of state. I hope that you will help make Assembly Bill 647 successful by scheduling a public hearing in the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means as soon as possible.

Just as I am a leader in our Army and have the responsibility to always do the right thing for my soldiers, you have the responsibility to always do the right thing for all of the constituents in Wisconsin as the Chairperson for the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

You are a man that can help make a difference in this situation. I would appreciate any help in this matter. More importantly, the thousands of Wisconsin residents that are active duty personnel in our Armed Forces would also be very appreciative of your effort to fix this inequality that we deal with in every paycheck.

Respectfully,

2nd Lieutenant Marc Minor

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From: Rep.LehmanM
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2003 8:43 AM
To: 'marc.r.minor@us.army.mil'
Subject: RE: RE: Assembly Bill 647

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I pulled up the history on the bill and it does not indicate that any action has been taken by the Tax Exemptions Committee, and no report has been issued. You may be confusing that with the fiscal estimate. To be sure, I contacted the Co-Chair of the Tax Exemptions Committee, Sen. Ellis. His committee clerk confirmed that they have not acted on the bill.

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From: marc.r.minor@us.army.mil [mailto:marc.r.minor@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2003 8:51 PM
To: Rep.LehmanM
Subject: Re: RE: Assembly Bill 647

Rep. Lehman,

The Tax Exemption Report for Assembly Bill 647 has been issued. Please schedule a public hearing. It is one more right step in the direction of helping the active duty service men and women of our state reach equality with their fellow soldiers from many other states.

Respectfully,

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