

State of Misconsin 2005 - 2006 LEGISLATURE

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AN ACT to repeal 20.485 (2) (q), 20.485 (2) (th), 20.485 (2) (vg), 20.485 (2) (vz), 20.485 (5) (h), subchapter V (title) of chapter 39 [precedes 39.90] and 45.60 (2); to renumber 20.485 (5) (title), 39.90 (title), 39.90 (1) (intro.), 39.90 (1) (b), 39.90 (1) (c), 39.90 (1) (d), 39.90 (1) (e), 39.90 (1) (f), 39.90 (1) (g), 39.90 (2), 39.90 (3), 39.90 (5), 39.90 (7) (title), 39.90 (7) (b), 39.90 (7) (c), 39.90 (7) (cm), 39.90 (7) (d), 39.90 (7) (e) and 39.90 (7) (f); to renumber and amend 20.485 (5) (g), 20.485 (5) (gm), 39.90 (1) (a), 39.90 (4), 39.90 (6) and 39.90 (7) (a); to amend 20.485 (1) (go), 20.485 (2) (vm), 20.485 (4) (r), 25.36 (1), 29.506 (7m) (a), 36.27 (2) (b) 4., 45.03 (5) (c) 1. a., 45.21 (2) (a), 45.31 (9), 45.34 (1) (c), 45.34 (2) (b) 1., 45.42 (2), 45.50 (6) (a), 45.51 (3) (b), 45.51 (10) (b) and 45.82 (4); to repeal and recreate 45.20, 45.34 (1) (d) and 45.40; to create 16.848 (2) (g), 20.485 (1) (q), 20.485 (2) (b), 20.485 (2) (f), 20.485 (2) (km), 20.505 (8) (hm) 13m., 38.50 (11), 45.03 (13) (j), 45.03 (13) (k), 45.03 (13) (L), 45.03 (13) (m), 45.03 (13) (n), 45.31 (15), 45.33 (1) (d), 45.34 (3) and 45.42 (12) of the statutes; and to affect 2005 Wisconsin Act

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(assembly Bill 100), section 9353 (2q), 2005 Wisconsin Act (assembly Bi
100), section 9353 (2r) and 2005 Wisconsin Act (assembly Bill 100), sectio
9455 (3w); relating to: veterans benefits and programs and the educations
approval board and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

2005 Assembly Bill 210 has passed both houses of the legislature and is currently ready for action by the governor. That bill recodifies chapter 45 of the statutes by repealing and recreating that chapter. 2005 Assembly Bill 100, the budget bill, amends numerous parts of chapter 45 of the statutes, referring to the statutory numbering system in effect before the recodification in Assembly Bill 210.

This bill reconciles the treatment of the veterans related items in 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210) and 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100).

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:

SECTION 1. 16.848 (2) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

16.848 (2) (g) Subsection (1) does not apply to property that is subject to sale by the department of veterans affairs under s. 45.32 (7).

SECTION 2. 20.485 (1) (go) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

20.485 (1) (go) Self-amortizing housing facilities; principal repayment and interest. From the moneys received for providing housing services at Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50 and the Northern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled, a sum sufficient to reimburse s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the principal and interest costs incurred in acquiring, constructing, developing, enlarging or improving housing facilities at Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50 and the Northern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled and to make

1	the payments determined by the building commission under s. $13.488(1)(m)$ that are
2	attributable to the proceeds of obligations incurred in financing such facilities.
3	SECTION 3. 20.485 (1) (q) of the statutes is created to read:
4	20.485 (1) (q) Assistance to indigent residents. From the veterans trust fund,
5	the amounts in the schedule for the payment of assistance to indigent veterans under
6	s. 45.43 to enable the veterans to reside at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union
7	Grove.
8	SECTION 4. 20.485 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
9	SECTION 4. 20.485 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read: Leave the general for the gener
10	schedule to provide housing vouchers to chronically homeless veterans under s.
11	45.03 (13) (k). No moneys may be encumbered from the appropriation under this
12	paragraph after June 30, 2007.
13	SECTION 5. 20.485 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:
/14)	SECTION 5. 20.485 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read: 20.485 (2) (f) Mission welcome home. The amounts in the schedule to provide
15	payments under s. 45.03 (13) (j). No moneys may be encumbered from the
16	appropriation under this paragraph after June 30, 2007.
17	SECTION 6. 20.485 (2) (km) of the statutes is created to read:
18	20.485 (2) (km) American Indian grants. The amounts in the schedule for
19	grants to American Indian tribes and bands under s. 45.82 (4). All moneys
20	transferred from the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (8) (hm) 13m. shall be
21	credited to this appropriation account. Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (a), the
22	unencumbered balance on June 30 of each year shall revert to the appropriation
23	account under s. 20.505 (8) (hm).
24)	SECTION 7 20.485 (2) (q) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
25	(Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.

1	SECTION 8. 20.485 (2) (th) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
2	(Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.
3	Section 9. 20.485 (2) (vg) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
4	(Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.
5	SECTION 10. 20.485 (2) (vm) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
6	(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
7	20.485 (2) (vm) Subsistence aid Assistance to needy veterans. The amounts in
8	the schedule for payment of subsistence aid to veterans and their dependents under
9	payments under s. $45.40 (1)$.
10	Section 11. 20.485 (2) (vz) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
11	(Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.
12	Section 12. 20.485 (4) (r) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
13	(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
14	20.485 (4) (r) Cemetery energy costs. From the veterans trust fund, the amounts
15	in the schedule to be used at the veterans memorial cemeteries operated under s.
16	45.61 for utilities and for fuel, heat and air conditioning and for costs incurred by or
17	on behalf of the department of veterans affairs under ss. \underline{s} . 16.858 and 16.895.
18	Section 13. 20.485 (5) (title) of the statutes is renumbered 20.292 (2) (title).
19	Section 14. 20.485 (5) (g) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
20	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 20.292 (2) (g) and amended to read:
21	20.292 (2) (g) Proprietary school programs. The amounts in the schedule for
22	the examination and approval of proprietary school programs. All Ninety percent of
23	all moneys received from the issuance of solicitor's permits under s. 39.90 (6) 38.50
24	(8) and from the fees under s. 39.90 (7) 38.50 (10) shall be credited to this
25	appropriation account.

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SECTION 15. 20.485 (5) (gm) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 20.292 (2) (gm) and amended to read:

20.292 (2) (gm) Student protection. All moneys received from the fees received under s. 39.90 (7) 38.50 (10) (c) 4. and all moneys transferred under 2005 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9246 (1), from the appropriation account under par. (g), for the purpose of indemnifying students, parents, or sponsors under s. 39.90 (7) (a) 38.50 (10) (a) and for the purpose of preserving under s. 38.50 (11) the student records of schools, as defined in s. 38.50 (11) (a) 2., that have discontinued their operations.

Section 16. 20.485 (5) (h) of the statutes is repealed.

Section 17. 20.505 (8) (hm) 13m. of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (8) (hm) 13m. The amount transferred to s. 20.485 (2) (km) shall be the amount in the schedule under s. 20.485 (2) (km).

SECTION 18. 25.36 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

25.36 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), all moneys appropriated or transferred by law shall constitute the veterans trust fund which shall be used for the lending of money to the mortgage loan repayment fund under s 45.37 (5) (a) 12. and for the veterans programs under ss. 20.485 (2) (m), (mn), (tm), (u), (v), (vo), (vy), (vz), (w), (z), and (zm), 45.03 (19), 45.07, 45.20, 45.21, 45.40 (1), 45.41, 45.42, 45.43, and 45.82 and administered by the department of veterans affairs, including all moneys received from the federal government for the benefit of veterans or their dependents; all moneys paid as interest on and repayment of loans under the post–war rehabilitation fund; soldiers rehabilitation fund, veterans housing funds as they existed prior to July 1, 1961; all moneys paid as interest on and repayment of loans under this fund; all moneys paid as expenses for, interest on, and repayment of

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veterans trust fund stabilization loans under s. 45.356, 1995 stats.; all moneys paid
as expenses for, interest on, and repayment of veterans personal loans; the net
proceeds from the sale of mortgaged properties related to veterans personal loans;
all mortgages issued with the proceeds of the 1981 veterans home loan revenue bond
issuance purchased with moneys in the veterans trust fund; all moneys received from
the state investment board under s. 45.42 (8) (b); all moneys received from the
veterans mortgage loan repayment fund under s. 45.37 (7) (a) and (c); and all gifts
of money received by the board of veterans affairs for the purposes of this fund.
SECTION 19. 29.506 (7m) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act

SECTION 19. 29.506 (7m) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
.... (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

29.506 (7m) (a) The department shall issue a taxidermy school permit to a person who applies for the permit; who, on August 15, 1991, holds a valid taxidermist permit issued under this section; and who, on August 15, 1991, operates a taxidermy school approved by the educational approval board under s. 39.90 38.50.

SECTION 20. 36.27 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

36.27 (2) (b) 4. A person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into active duty, who is a resident of and living in this state at the time of registering at an institution, and who is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12), and who is a resident for purposes of receiving benefits under ch. 45, is entitled to the exemption under par. (a).

SECTION 21. 38.50 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

38.50 (11) Closed schools; preservation of records. (a) In this subsection:

1. "Association" means the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities or a successor organization.

- 2. Notwithstanding sub. (1) (e), "school" has the meaning given in sub. (1) (e) (intro.) and also includes a school described in sub. (1) (e) 1., 6., 7., or 8.
- 3. "Student record" means, in the case of a school, as defined in sub. (1) (e) (intro.), a transcript for a student or former student of a school showing the name of the student, the title of the program in which the student was or is enrolled, the total number of credits or hours of instruction completed by the student, the dates of enrollment, the grade for each course, lesson, or unit of instruction completed by the student, the student's cumulative grade for the program, and an explanation of the school's credit and grading system. In the case of a school described in sub. (1) (e) 1., 6., 7., or 8., "student record" means a transcript for a student or former student of the school showing such information about the academic work completed by the student or former student as is customarily maintained by the school.
- (b) 1. If a school operating in this state discontinues its operations, proposes to discontinue its operations, or is in imminent danger of discontinuing its operations as determined by the board, if the student records of the school are not taken into possession under subd. 2., and if the board determines that the student records of the school are in danger of being destroyed, secreted, mislaid, or otherwise made unavailable to the persons who are the subjects of those student records or the authorized representatives of those persons, the board may take possession of those student records.
- 2. If a school operating in this state that is a member of the association discontinues its operations, proposes to discontinue its operations, or is in imminent danger of discontinuing its operations as determined by the association and if the association determines that the student records of the school are in danger of being destroyed, secreted, mislaid, or otherwise made unavailable to the persons who are

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the subjects of those student records or the authorized representatives of those persons, the association shall take possession of those student records.

- (c) If necessary to protect student records from being destroyed, secreted, mislaid, or otherwise made unavailable to the persons who are the subjects of those student records or the authorized representatives of those persons, the board or association may seek a court order authorizing the board or association to take possession of those student records.
- (d) The board or association shall preserve a student record that comes into the possession of the board or association under par. (b) 1. or 2. and shall keep the student record confidential as provided under 20 USC 1232g and 34 CFR part 99. A student record in the possession of the board is not open to public inspection or copying under s. 19.35 (1). Upon request of the person who is the subject of a student record or an authorized representative of that person, the board or association shall provide a copy of the student record to the requester. The board or association may charge a fee for providing a copy of a student record. The fee shall be based on the administrative cost of taking possession of, preserving, and providing the copy of the student record. All fees collected by the board under this paragraph shall be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.292 (2) (i).
- **Section 22.** Subchapter V (title) of chapter 39 [precedes 39.90] of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.
- SECTION 23. 39.90 (title) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (title).
- SECTION 24. 39.90 (1) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (intro.).

1	SECTION 25. 39.90 (1) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
2	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered $38.50(1)(a)$ and amended to read:
3	38.50 (1) (a) "Board" Notwithstanding s. 38.01 (2), "board" means the
4	educational approval board.
5	Section 26. 39.90 (1) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
6	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (b).
7	Section 27. 39.90 (1) (c) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
8	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (c).
9	Section 28. 39.90 (1) (d) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
10	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (d).
11	Section 29. 39.90 (1) (e) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
12	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (e).
13	Section 30. 39.90 (1) (f) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
14	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (f).
15	Section 31. 39.90 (1) (g) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
16	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (g).
17	Section 32. 39.90 (2) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
18	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (2).
19	Section 33. 39.90 (3) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
20	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (3).
21	Section 34. 39.90 (4) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
22	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (5) and amended to read:
23	38.50 (5) Employees, quarters. The board shall employ a person to perform
24	the duties of an executive secretary and any other persons under the classified
25	service that may be necessary to carry out the board's responsibilities. The person

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performing the duties of the executive secretary shall be in charge of the administrative functions of the board. The board shall, to the maximum extent practicable, keep its office with the department of veterans affairs technical college system board.

SECTION 35. 39.90 (5) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (7).

SECTION 36. 39.90 (6) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (8), and 38.50 (8) (b) and (c) 5., as renumbered, are amended to read:

38.50 (8) (b) Solicitor's permit. The application for a solicitor's permit shall be made on a form furnished by the board and shall be accompanied by a fee and a surety bond acceptable to the board in the sum of \$2,000. The board shall, by rule, specify the amount of the fee for a solicitor's permit. The bond may be continuous and shall be conditioned to provide indemnification to any student suffering loss as the result of any fraud or misrepresentation used in procuring his or her enrollment or as a result of the failure of the school to perform faithfully the agreement the solicitor made with the student, and may be supplied by the solicitor or by the school itself either as a blanket bond covering each of its solicitors in the amount of \$2,000 or the surety bond under sub. (5) (7) (i). Upon approval of a permit, the board shall issue an identification card to the solicitor giving his or her name and address, the name and address of the employing school, and certifying that the person whose name appears on the card is authorized to solicit students for the school. A permit shall be valid for one year from the date issued. Liability under this paragraph of the surety on the bond for each solicitor covered by the bond shall not exceed the sum of \$2,000 as an aggregate for any and all students for all breaches of the conditions of

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the bond. The surety of a bond may cancel the bond upon giving 30 days' notice in writing to the board and shall be relieved of liability under this paragraph upon giving the notice for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date of the cancellation. An application for renewal shall be accompanied by a fee, a surety bond acceptable to the board in the sum of \$2,000 if a continuous bond has not been furnished, and such information as the board requests of the applicant. The board shall, by rule, specify the amount of the fee for renewal of a solicitor's permit.

(c) 5. Failure of the school which the solicitor represents to meet requirements and standards established by and to comply with rules promulgated by the board under sub. (5) (7).

SECTION 37. 39.90 (7) (title) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (title).

SECTION 38. 39.90 (7) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (a) and amended to read:

38.50 (10) (a) Authority. All proprietary schools shall be examined and approved by the board before operating in this state. Approval shall be granted to schools meeting the criteria established by the board for a period not to exceed one year. No school may advertise in this state unless approved by the board. All approved schools shall submit quarterly reports, including information on enrollment, number of teachers and their qualifications, course offerings, number of graduates, number of graduates successfully employed, and such other information as the board considers necessary. If a school closure results in losses to students, parents, or sponsors, the board may authorize the full or partial payment of those losses from the appropriation under s. 20.485-(5) 20.292 (2) (gm).

1	SECTION 39. 39.90 (7) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
2	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (b).
3	Section 40. 39.90 (7) (c) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
4	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (c).
5	Section 41. 39.90 (7) (cm) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
6	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (cm).
7	SECTION 42. 39.90 (7) (d) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
8	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (d).
9	SECTION 43. 39.90 (7) (e) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
10	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (e).
11	SECTION 44. 39.90 (7) (f) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
12	(Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (f).
13	SECTION 45. 45.03 (5) (c) 1. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
14	(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
15	45.03 (5) (c) 1. a. Without limitation by reason of any other provisions of the
16	statutes except s. 16.848, unless otherwise required by law, the power to sell and to
17	convey title in fee simple to a nonprofit corporation any land and any existing
18	buildings owned by the state that are under the jurisdiction of the department for
19	the consideration and upon the terms and conditions as in the judgment of the board
20	are in the public interest.
21	Section 46. 45.03 (13) (j) of the statutes is created to read:
22	45.03 (13) (j) Provide grants to eligible persons who administer a program to
23	identify, train, and place volunteers at the community level who will assist national
24	guard members, members of the U.S. armed forces or forces incorporated in the U.S.
25	armed forces, and their spouses and dependents, who return to this state after

supplement ended.

1	serving on active duty. The department shall make available to the volunteers
2	veterans, and their spouses and dependents, a packet of information about the
3	benefits that they may be eligible to receive from the state or federal government
4	This paragraph does not apply after June 30, 2007.
5	SECTION 47. 45.03 (13) (k) of the statutes is created to read:
6	45.03 (13) (k) Provide \$117,300 in 2005-06 and \$117,300 in 2006-07 to a
7	housing authority in a 1st class city in a county with a population of at least 500,000
8	to supplement the housing costs of chronically homeless veterans and their families
9	if the housing authority does all of the following:
10	1. Provides evidence that the money will be used to provide multi-family
11	housing for individuals and families that contain at least one veteran who has been
12	chronically homeless.
13	2. Uses at least 50 percent of the money for supplementing temporary privately
14 15	owned rental housing costs and the remainder for subsidizing public rental housing costs.
16	3. In coordination with the department, submits reports to the legislature
17	under s. 13.172 (2) and to the governor by August 15, 2006, and August 15, 2007, that
18	contain the following information related to the money received in the previous fiscal
19	year:
20	a. The number of veterans that received a housing supplement.
21	b. The size of the veterans' households.
22	c. The amount of the supplement and time that the supplement was provided
23	to each veteran's household.

d. The housing status of the assisted veteran's household at the time the

1	e. Any other information that the department considers necessary to evaluate
2	the program.
3	SECTION 48. 45.03 (13) (L) of the statutes is created to read:
4	45.03 (13) (L) Provide verification to the educational institution of the
5	information required under s. 36.27 (3p) (a) or 38.24 (8) (a).
6	SECTION 49. 45.03 (13) (m) of the statutes is created to read:
7	45.03 (13) (m) Provide verification to the educational institution of the
8	information required under s. 36.27 (3n) (a) or 38.24 (7) (a).
9	SECTION 50. 45.03 (13) (n) of the statutes is created to read:
10	45.03 (13) (n) Provide verification to the department of revenue of the
11	information required under s. 71.07 (6e) (a) 2. or 3.
12	SECTION 51. 45.20 of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
13	(Assembly Bill 210), is repealed and recreated to read:
14	45.20 Tuition reimbursement. (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:
15	(a) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning given in 20 USC 1001 (a).
16	(c) "Part-time classroom study" means any of the following:
17	1. Enrollment in courses for which no more than 11 semester or the equivalent
18	trimester or quarter credits will be given upon satisfactory completion.
19	2. Enrollment in courses during a summer semester or session.
20	(d) "Tuition," when referring to the University of Wisconsin System, means
21	"academic fees," as described in s. 36.27 (1), when referring to the technical colleges,
22	means "program fees," as described in s. 38.24 (1m) (a) and (b) and, when referring
23	to a high school, a school that is approved under s. 45.03 (11), or a proprietary school
24	that is approved under s. 38.50, means the charge for the courses for which a person
25	is enrolled.

- (2) Tuition reimbursement program (a) Administration. 1. The department shall administer a tuition reimbursement program for eligible veterans enrolling as undergraduates in any institution of higher education in this state, enrolling in a school that is approved under s. 45.03 (11), enrolling in a proprietary school that is approved under s. 38.50, enrolling in a public or private high school, or receiving a waiver of nonresident tuition under s. 39.47.
- 2. A veteran who is a resident of this state and otherwise qualified to receive benefits under this subsection may receive the benefits under this subsection upon the completion of any correspondence courses or part–time classroom study from an institution of higher education located outside this state, from a school that is approved under s. 45.03 (11), or from a proprietary school that is approved under s. 38.50, if any of the following applies:
- a. The part-time classroom study is not offered within 50 miles of the veteran's residence by any school or institution under this paragraph and the educational institution from which the study is offered is located not more than 50 miles from the boundary line of this state.
 - b. The correspondence course is not offered in this state.
- (b) *Eligibility*. 1. A veteran is eligible for the tuition reimbursement program if he or she meets all of the following criteria:
- a. The annual income of the veteran and his or her spouse does not exceed \$50,000 plus \$1,000 for each dependent in excess of 2 dependents.
- b. The veteran applies for the program for courses begun within 10 years after separation from the service. This subd. 1. b. does not apply to a veteran who is applying for reimbursement for up to 60 credits of part-time classroom study courses.

- c. The veteran is a resident at the time of application for the program and was a Wisconsin resident at the time of entry into service or was a resident for any consecutive 12-month period after entry into service and before the date of his or her application. If a person applying for a benefit under this subsection meets the residency requirement of 12 consecutive months, the department may not require the person to reestablish that he or she meets that residency requirement when he or she later applies for any other benefit under this chapter that requires that residency.
- 2. In determining eligibility under this subsection, the department shall verify all reported income amounts.
- 3. A veteran is not eligible under this program if the veteran has an undergraduate degree from any institution of higher education.
- (c) Program benefits. 1. A veteran who meets the eligibility requirements under par. (b) 1. may be reimbursed upon satisfactory completion of an undergraduate semester in any institution of higher education in this state, or upon satisfactory completion of a course at any school that is approved under s. 45.03 (11), any proprietary school that is approved under s. 38.50, any public or private high school, or any institution from which the veteran receives a waiver of nonresident tuition under s. 39.47. Except as provided in par. (e), the amount of reimbursement may not exceed the total cost of the veteran's tuition minus any grants or scholarships that the veteran receives specifically for the payment of the tuition, or, if the tuition is for an undergraduate semester in any institution of higher education, the standard cost of tuition for a state resident for an equivalent undergraduate semester at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, whichever is less.

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- 2. An application for reimbursement of tuition under this subsection shall meet all of the following requirements:
- a. Be completed and received by the department no later than 60 days after the completion of the semester or course. The department may accept an application received more than 60 days after the completion of the semester or course if the applicant shows good cause for the delayed receipt.
- b. Contain the information necessary to establish eligibility as determined by the department.
 - c. Be on the application form established by the department.
 - d. Contain the signatures of both the applicant and a representative of the institution or school certifying that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the semester.
 - 3. Reimbursement provided under this subsection shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (tf). If the amount of funds applied for exceeds the amount available under s. 20.485 (2) (tf), the department may reduce the reimbursement percentage, except to disabled veterans who are eligible for 100 percent of tuition and fees under par. (e), or deny applications for reimbursement that would otherwise qualify under this subsection. In those cases, the department shall determine the reimbursement percentage, except to disabled veterans who are eligible for 100 percent of tuition and fees under par. (e), and eligibility on the basis of the dates on which applications for reimbursement were received.
 - 4. Reimbursement of tuition for a course may be provided at an institution or school under this paragraph other than the one from which the veteran is receiving his or her degree or certificate of graduation or course completion if all of the following apply:

- a. The curriculum at the institution or school consists only of courses necessary to complete a degree in a particular course of study.
- b. The course is accepted as transfer credits at the institution or school listed under this paragraph from which the veteran is receiving his or her degree but is not available at that institution or school.
- (d) *Limitations*. 1. A veteran's eligibility for reimbursement under this subsection at any institution of higher education in this state, at a school that is approved under s. 45.03 (11), at a proprietary school that is approved under s. 38.50, at a public or private high school, or at an institution where he or she is receiving a waiver of nonresident tuition under s. 39.47 is limited to the following:
- a. If the veteran served on active duty, except service on active duty for training purposes, for 90 to 180 days, the veteran may be reimbursed for a maximum of 30 credits or 2 semesters, or an equivalent amount of credits or semesters if at a school other than an institution of higher education.
- b. If the veteran served on active duty, except service on active duty for training purposes, for 181 to 730 days, the veteran may be reimbursed for a maximum of 60 credits or 4 semesters, or an equivalent amount of credits or semesters if at a school other than an institution of higher education.
- c. If the veteran served on active duty, except service on active duty for training purposes, for more than 730 days, the veteran may be reimbursed for a maximum of 120 credits or 8 semesters, or an equivalent amount of credits or semesters if at a school other than an institution of higher education.
- 2. The department may provide reimbursement under this subsection to a veteran who is delinquent in child support or maintenance payments or who owes past support, medical expenses or birth expenses, as established by appearance of

- the veteran's name on the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854 (2) (b), only if the veteran provides the department with one of the following:
 - a. A repayment agreement that the veteran has entered into, that has been accepted by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) and that has been kept current for the 6-month period immediately preceding the date of the application.
 - b. A statement that the veteran is not delinquent in child support or maintenance payments and does not owe past support, medical expenses or birth expenses, signed by the department of workforce development or its designee within 7 working days before the date of the application.
 - 3. A veteran may not receive reimbursement under this subsection for any semester in which he or she is eligible for or received a grant under s. 21.49 or under 10 USC 2007.
 - 4. A veteran may not receive reimbursement under this subsection for any semester in which the veteran fails to receive at least a 2.0 grade point average or an average grade of "C".
 - (e) Disabled veteran eligibility. A disabled veteran who meets the requirements under this subsection and whose disability is rated at 30% or more under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 may be reimbursed for up to 100% of the cost of tuition and fees, but that reimbursement is limited to 100% of the standard cost for a state resident for tuition and fees for an equivalent undergraduate course at the University of Wisconsin–Madison per course if the tuition and fees are for an undergraduate semester in any institution of higher education.
 - (f) Reporting requirements. The department shall promulgate a rule that establishes the number of days after the commencement of an academic term that begins after December 31, 2005, by which a veteran who will be seeking

1	reimbursement under this section must provide the department with all of the
2	following information:
3	1. The veteran's name.
4	2. The educational institution the veteran is attending.
5	3. Whether the veteran is enrolled full-time or part-time at the educational
6	institution.
7	4. An estimate of the amount of tuition reimbursement that the veteran will
8	claim at the end of the academic term.
9	Section 52. 45.21 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
10	(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
11	45.21 (2) (a) The veteran is enrolled in a training course in a technical college
12	under ch. 38 or in a proprietary school in the state approved by the educational
13	approval board under s. 39.90 38.50, other than a proprietary school offering a
14	4-year degree or 4-year program, or is engaged in a structured on-the-job training
15	program that meets program requirements promulgated by the department by rule.
16	Section 53. 45.31 (9) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
17	(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
18	45.31 (9) "Home" means a building or portion of a building used as the veteran's
19	principal place of by the veteran as a residence, and includes condominiums and
20	income-producing property, a portion of which is used as a principal place of
21	residence by the veteran, and the land, including existing improvements,
22	appertaining to the building.
23	SECTION 54. 45.31 (15) of the statutes is created to read:
24	45.31 (15) "Qualified veterans' mortgage bonds" means federally tax-exempt
25	bonds issued under the authority of 26 USC 143.

1	SECTION 55. 45.33 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:
2	45.33 (1) (d) Any person who has completed 6 continuous years of service under
3	honorable conditions in the army or air national guard or in any reserve component
4	of the U.S. armed forces, and who is living in this state at the time of his or her
5	application for benefits.
6	Section 56. 45.34 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
7	(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
8	45.34 (1) (c) A loan of not more than \$25,000 to improve a home, including the
9	construction of a garage or the removal or other alteration of existing improvements
10	that were made to improve the accessibility of a home for a permanently and totally
11	disabled individual.
12	Section 57. $45.34(1)(d)$ of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
13	(Assembly Bill 210), is repealed and recreated to read:
14	45.34 (1) (d) Refinancing the balance due on an indebtedness that was incurred
15	for a use designated in pars. (a) to (c).
16	SECTION 58. 45.34 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
17	(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
18	45.34 (2) (b) 1. The residence property to be purchased, constructed, improved,
19	or refinanced with financial assistance under this subchapter will be used as the
20	person's principal by the person as a residence.
21	SECTION 59. 45.34 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
22	45.34 (3) QUALIFIED VETERANS MORTGAGE BONDS. If the source of the funding for
23	a loan under this subchapter is the proceeds of a qualified veterans mortgage bond,
24	the department shall apply any applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue

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Code in determining a person's eligibility for a loan to assure that the bonds are exempt from federal tax.

SECTION 60. 45.40 of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is repealed and recreated to read:

- 45.40 Assistance to needy veterans. (1) Subsistence aid. (a) The department may provide subsistence payments to a veteran on a month-to-month basis or for a 3-month period. The department may pay subsistence aid for a 3-month period if the veteran will be incapacitated for more than 3 months and if earned or unearned income or aid from sources other than those listed in the application will not be available in the 3-month period. The department may provide subsistence payments only to a veteran who has suffered a loss of income due to illness, injury, or natural disaster. The department may grant subsistence aid under this subsection to a veteran whose loss of income is the result of abuse of alcohol or other drugs only if the veteran is participating in an alcohol and other drug abuse treatment program that is approved by the department. No payment may be made under this subsection if the veteran has other assets or income available to meet basic subsistence needs or if the veteran is eligible to receive aid from other sources to meet those needs.
- (b) The maximum amount that any veteran may receive under this subsection per occurrence during a consecutive 12-month period may not exceed \$2,000.
- (2) HEALTH CARE. (a) The department may provide health care aid to a veteran for dental care, including dentures; vision care, including eyeglass frames and lenses; and hearing care, including hearing aids.

(b) The maximum amount that may be paid under this subsection for any
consecutive 12-month period may not exceed \$2,500 for dental care, \$500 for vision
care, and \$1,500 per ear for hearing care.

- (c) The department may not provide health care aid under this subsection unless the aid recipient's health care provider agrees to accept, as full payment for the health care provided, the amount of the payment, the amount of the recipient's health insurance or other 3rd-party payments, if any, and the amount that the department determines the veteran is capable of paying. The department may not pay health care aid under this subsection if the liquid assets of the veteran are in excess of \$1,000.
- (2m) DEPENDENTS ELIGIBILITY. (a) The unremarried spouse and dependent children of a veteran who died white on active service in the U.S. armed forces or forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces are eligible to receive payments under subs. (1) and (2) if the household income of those persons does not exceed the income limitations established under sub. (3m).
- (b) The spouse and dependent children of a member of the U.S. armed forces or of the Wisconsin national guard who has been activated or deployed to serve in the U.S. armed forces who are residents of this state, who have suffered a loss of income due to that activation or deployment, and who experience an economic emergency during the member's activation or deployment are eligible to receive assistance under subs. (1) and (2).
- (3) LIMITATIONS. The total cumulative amount that any veteran may receive under this section may not exceed \$5,000.
- (3m) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules establishing eligibility criteria and household income limits for payments under subs. (1), (2), and (2m).

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- (4) APPROPRIATIONS. The department may make payments under this section from the appropriation in s. 20.485 (2) (vm). Nothing in this section empowers the department to incur any state debt.
- (5) Joint finance supplemental funds from the veterans request to the joint committee on finance for supplemental funds from the veterans trust fund to be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.485 (2) (vm) to provide payments under this section. The joint committee on finance may, from the appropriation under s. 20.865 (4) (u), supplement the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (vm) in an amount equal to the amount that the department expects to expend under this section. If the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the department that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the request for a supplement within 14 working days after the date of the department's notification, the supplement to the appropriation is approved. If, within 14 working days after the date of the department's notification, the cochairpersons of the committee notify the department that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed supplement, the supplement may occur only upon approval of the committee.
- **SECTION 61.** 45.42 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
- 45.42 (2) The department may lend a veteran, a veteran's unremarried surviving spouse, or a deceased veteran's child not more than \$25,000, or a lesser amount established by the department under sub. (9). The department may prescribe loan conditions, but the term of the loan may not exceed 10 years, or a shorter term established by the department under sub. (12). The department shall ensure that the proceeds of any loan made under this section shall first be applied

to pay any delinquent child support or maintenance payments owed by the person
receiving the loan and then to pay any past support, medical expenses, or birth
expenses owed by the person receiving the loan.
SECTION 62. 45.42 (12) of the statutes is created to read:
45.42 (12) Subject to the limit established in sub. (2), the department may
periodically adjust the maximum term limits for loans based upon financial market
conditions, funds available, needs of the veterans trust fund, or other factors that the
department considers relevant.
SECTION 63. 45.50 (6) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
45.50 (6) (a) The department may enter into agreements for furnishing and
charging for water and sewer service from facilities constructed at and for veterans
homes to public and private properties lying in the immediate vicinity of veterans
homes. SECTION 64. 45.51 (3) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:
45.51 (3) (b) Spouses, surviving spouses, and parents derive their eligibility
from the eligibility of the person under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. Surviving spouses and
parents of eligible persons under sub. (2) (a) 1. or 2. are shall not be eligible for
admission only to a skilled nursing facility at a veterans home for admission to the
Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove or the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
unless a home's overall occupancy level is below an optimal level as determined by
the board.
Section 65. 45.51 (10) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

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45.51 (10) (b) The Except where a sale occurs under s. 16.848, the department
may manage, sell, lease, or transfer property passing to the state pursuant to this
section or conveyed to it by members, defend and prosecute all actions concerning it,
pay all just claims against it, and do all other things necessary for the protection,
preservation, and management of the property. All expenditures necessary for the
execution of functions under this paragraph or sub. (14) shall be made from the
appropriation in s. 20.485 (1) (h).

SECTION 66. 45.60 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.

SECTION 67. 45.82 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...(Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

45.82 (4) The department shall provide grants to the governing bodies of federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands from the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (vz) (km) if that governing body enters into an agreement with the department regarding the creation, goals, and objectives of a tribal veterans service officer, appoints a veteran to act as a tribal veterans service officer, and gives that veteran duties similar to the duties described in s. 45.80 (5), except that the veteran shall report to the governing body of the tribe or band. The department may make annual grants of up to \$2,500 \$8,500 under this subsection and shall promulgate rules to implement this subsection.

SECTION 68. 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100), section 9353 (2q) is amended to read:

[2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100)], Section 9353 (2q) FEE REMISSIONS FOR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF CERTAIN VETERANS. The treatment of sections 36.27 (3n), and 38.24 (7), and 45.35 (14) (m) of the statutes first applies to students who enroll

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SECTION 69. 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100), section 9353 (2r) is amended to read:

[2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100)], Section 9353 (2r) FEE REMISSIONS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS. The treatment of sections 36.27 (3p), 38.22 (6) (f), and 38.24 (8), and 45.35 (14) (L) of the statutes first applies to students who enroll for classes in the academic year that commences after the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 70. 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100), section 9455 (3w) is amended to read:

[2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100)], Section 9455 (3w) SALE OR CONTRACTUAL OPERATION OF STATE-OWNED HEATING, COOLING, AND POWER PLANTS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES. The treatment of sections 13.48 (2) (k) 1. and 2., 16.84 (1), 16.85 (4), 16.895, 16.90, 16.91, 16.93 (2) and (3), 20.255 (1) (b), 20.245 (1) (c), 20.255 (1) (c), 20.285 (1) (c), 20.410 (1) (f) and (gm), 20.465 (1) (f), 20.485 (4) (r), and 20.505 (5) (ka), and 45.365 (2m) (a) of the statutes takes effect on April 1, 2007.

Section 9153. Nonstatutory provisions; veterans affairs.

(1) Tuition reimbursement program emergency rules. The department of veterans affairs may promulgate emergency rules under section 227.24 of the statutes implementing section 45.20 of the statutes, as affected by this act. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a) and (3) of the statutes, the department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

- (2) Payment of Certain Tuition and Part-Time Classroom courses. From the appropriation account under section 20.485 (2) (tf) of the statutes, the department of veterans affairs may expend not more than \$1,020,000 in fiscal year 2005–06 to fund payments under sections 45.25 and 45.396, 2003 stats., for coursework completed before July 1, 2005.
- (3) Assistance to Needy Veterans and families emergency rule under section department of veterans affairs may promulgate an emergency rule under section 227.24 of the statutes implementing section 45.40 (3m) of the statutes, as affected by this act. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a) and (3) of the statutes, the department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of an emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.
 - (4) Treatments void.
- (a) The treatment of sections 16.848 (2) (g), 20.485 (1) (go) and (q), (2) (b), (f), (km), (q), (th), (vg), (vm), and (vz), (4) (r), and (5) (title), (g), (gm), and (h), 20.505 (8) (hm) 13m., 25.36 (1), 29.506 (7m) (a), 36.27 (2) (b) 4., 38.50 (11), 45.19 (1), 45.25 (1), (1g), (1m), (2) (intro.) (except 45.25 (2) (title)), (a), (c), (cm), (d), and (e), (3) (a), (am), (b) 1., (c), and (d) (intro.), (4) (c) and (d), and (6), 45.348 (title), (1) (intro.), and (2) (a) (intro.), 45.35 (8) (b) 4., (14) (h), (j), (k), (L), (m), and (n), and (17) (c) 1m. (intro.), 2. (intro.), and 3., 45.351, 45.356 (2) and (13), 45.365 (2m) (a), 45.37 (4) (b) and (c) 1m. c. and d. and (10) (c), 45.38 (2) (a) 1., 45.396 (title), (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (5m), (6), (7) (a) and (b), (8), and (9), 45.397 (2) (a) and (cm), 45.54 (title), (1) (intro.), (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), (2), (3), (5), (7), (8), and (10) (title), (a), (b), (c), (cm), (d), (e), and (f), 45.71 (8), (12) (a), (15), and (16) (d), and 45.76 (1) (c) and (d), (3) (b) 1., and (4) of

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the statutes by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100), the renumbering and amendment of section 45.25 (4) (a) of the statutes by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100), the creation of section 45.25 (4) (a) 1. to 3. of the statutes by 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100), and Sections 9153 (1), (1f), and (3k), 9246 (1m), 9253 (1), and 9353 (1) of 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100) are void.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 210) is not enacted into law by September 1, 2005.

Section 9246. Appropriation changes; technical college system.

EDUCATIONAL APPROVAL BOARD TRANSFER AND LAPSE. Notwithstanding section 20.001 (3) (a) of the statutes, on June 30, 2006, there is transferred from the appropriation account under section 20.292 (2) (g) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2005, to the appropriation account under section 20.292 (2) (gm) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2005, \$250,000 and, if after that transfer an unencumbered balance remains in the appropriation account under section 20.292 (2) (g) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2005, that unencumbered balance shall lapse to the general fund.

Section 9253. Appropriation changes; Veterans affairs.

(1) Massage therapists and bodyworkers. The unencumbered balance in the appropriation account under section 20.485 (5) (h), 2003 stats., is transferred to the appropriation account under section 20.165 (1) (g) of the statutes.

Section 9353. Initial applicability; Veterans affairs.

(1) Tuition reimbursement program. The treatment of sections 20.485 (2) (th), 25.36 (1), 45.20, and 45.21 (2) (a) of the statutes and Section 9153 (1) of this act first apply to courses completed on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 9400. Effective dates; general. Except as otherwise provided in
Sections 9453 and 9455, this act takes effect on the date of publication of 2005
Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100).
Section 9453. Effective dates; Veterans affairs.
(1) The amendment of 2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100), sections 9353
(2q) and (2r) and 9455 (3w), by this act takes effect on the day after publication of
2005 Wisconsin Act (Assembly Bill 100).
SECTION 9455. Effective dates; other.
(1) SALE OR CONTRACTUAL OPERATION OF STATE-OWNED HEATING, COOLING, AND
POWER PLANTS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES. The treatment of section 45.50
(6) (a) of the statutes takes effect on April 1, 2007.

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