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**2005 Wisconsin Act 239**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 382]

**Display of POW/MIA Flags at  
Certain DOT Rest Areas**

Under **current law**, the Department of Transportation (DOT) may construct and maintain rest areas along state trunk highways, including interstate highways.

**2005 Wisconsin Act 239** requires DOT to display a POW/MIA flag on an outdoor flagpole at each DOT rest area along an interstate highway if the rest area has at least two outdoor flagpoles. If a rest area has fewer than two outdoor flagpoles, DOT may display a POW/MIA flag at a suitable location indoors or, if DOT determines after consultation with at least two of the state's veterans organizations that there is no suitable location indoors, DOT may display indoors a poster or literature or both relating to the POW/MIA flag. DOT must display these flags or posters or literature only if DOT receives sufficient contributions from interested parties to cover the costs of displaying the flags or posters or literature. If a rest area has fewer than two outdoor flagpoles, DOT must include additional flagpoles in any facilities improvement project at the rest area commenced after the effective date of the Act so that the rest area has at least two outdoor flagpoles.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on April 13, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information,  
consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.