AN ACT to amend 15.497 (2) (a); and to create 15.497 (2) (e) and 15.497 (2) (f) of the statutes; relating to: changing the members of the Council on Veterans Programs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law the Council on Veterans Programs (council) advises the Board of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) on solutions and policy alternatives relating to the problems of veterans. The council is attached to DVA and consists of members of various veterans organizations, all of whom are appointed for one-year terms.

This bill adds one representative of each of the following to the council:
1. The Wisconsin Council of the Military Officers Association of America.
2. The Retired Enlisted Association.

This bill removes the representative of each of the following from the council:
1. The Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc.
2. The Federation of Minority Veterans, Inc.

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

SECTION 1. 15.497 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
15.497 (2) (a) One representative each of the state departments of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marine Corps League, the Navy Club of the U.S.A., the Veterans of World War II (AMVETS), the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc., the American Ex-prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Inc., the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., the Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A., the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., the Polish Legion of American Veterans, the National Association for Black Veterans, Inc., the Army and Navy Union of the United States of America, the Wisconsin Association of Concerned Veteran Organizations, the United Women Veterans, Inc., the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, the Federation of Minority Veterans, Inc., the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans, Inc., and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

SECTION 2. 15.497 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

15.497 (2) (e) One representative of the Wisconsin Council of the Military Officers Association of America.

SECTION 3. 15.497 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

15.497 (2) (f) One representative of The Retired Enlisted Association.


(1) Notwithstanding section 15.497 (2) (intro.), the term of the initial representative of the Wisconsin Council of the Military Officers Association of America and The Retired Enlisted Association on the council on veterans programs shall expire on July 1, 2008.

SECTION 5. Effective date.
(1) This act takes effect on first day of the 2nd month beginning after publication.

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