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**Nelson, Robert P.**

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**From:** Peterson, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2010 11:17 AM  
**To:** Nelson, Robert P.  
**Subject:** LRB 4089/2  
  
**Attachments:** 09-40892.pdf

Bob,

Please draft and jacket a Senate Companion to LRB 09-4089/2 for Senator Taylor.

Thanks,  
Eric

***Eric M. Peterson***

Chief of Staff -- Senator Lena C. Taylor  
608-266-5810 o, 608-267-2353 f

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**From:** Rep.Shilling  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 03, 2010 9:20 AM  
**To:** \*Legislative Assembly Democrats; \*Legislative Assembly Republicans; \*Legislative Assembly - Independents;  
\*Legislative Senate Democrats; \*Legislative Senate Republicans  
**Subject:** REMINDER: Co-sponsorship of Veteran Court Mentoring Bill LRB 4089/2

**From:** Rep.Shilling  
**Sent:** Monday, March 01, 2010 10:27 AM  
**To:** \*Legislative Assembly Democrats; \*Legislative Assembly Republicans; \*Legislative Assembly - Independents;  
\*Legislative Senate Democrats; \*Legislative Senate Republicans  
**Subject:** SHORT DEADLINE - Co-sponsorship of LRB 4089/2 re: Veteran Court Mentoring

TO: Members of the Legislature

FROM: Rep. Jennifer Shilling and Sen. Taylor

RE: LRB 4089/2: Veteran Court Mentoring Bill

**SHORT DEADLINE: 5:00pm TODAY, March 3, 2010**

On January 4, 2010, the La Crosse County Veterans Court Initiative Mentoring Program was launched. This new Mentoring Program pairs veterans in the legal system with trained community mentors who are also veterans or active members of the armed forces. This program is designed to further develop strategies to ensure that veterans have access to information on the benefits and services that are available to them.

These veteran mentors currently provide information to veterans regarding their County Veteran Service Officers, Federal VA benefits, and local court processes. Because these mentors may gain knowledge regarding a veteran's medical background, legal issues, and other personal information, these volunteers could potentially



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March 4, 2010 - Introduced by Representatives SHILLING, TURNER, HILGENBERG, MILROY, MOLEPSKE JR., SINICKI and SUDER, cosponsored by Senators TAYLOR and KREITLOW. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

regen.

- 1 AN ACT to create 905.16 of the statutes; relating to: creating a privilege for
- 2 communications to veteran mentors.

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

Under current law, a communication between certain persons, such as between spouses, between a lawyer and client, and between a patient and a physician, is considered privileged and may not be disclosed without permission of the person who made the communication. The spouse, client, or patient may prevent the disclosure of the privileged communication, with certain exceptions.

This bill creates a privilege against disclosure of a communication made between a veteran or a member of the armed forces or national guard and a veteran mentor. A veteran mentor is a veteran who is authorized by a circuit court judge to provide assistance and advice to a veteran or a member of the armed forces or national guard regarding court-related matters. To be a veteran mentor, the person must have completed a judicially approved veterans mentoring training program and completed a background information form approved by a circuit court. The privilege does not apply to communications that the veteran has agreed in writing to allow to be disclosed as a condition of his or her participation in the veterans mentoring program.

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

1 SECTION 1. 905.16 of the statutes is created to read:

2 905.16 Communications to veteran mentors. (1) DEFINITIONS. As used in  
3 this section:

4 (a) A communication is "confidential" if not intended to be disclosed to 3rd  
5 parties other than to those persons present to further the interests of the veteran or  
6 the member of the armed forces or national guard or to persons reasonably necessary  
7 for the transmission of the communication.

8 (b) A "veteran mentor" is an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

9 1. Served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in  
10 the U.S. armed forces, served in a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, or served in  
11 the national guard.

12 2. Is on the list of persons authorized by a circuit court judge to provide  
13 assistance and advice in a veterans mentoring program.

14 3. Has successfully completed a judicially approved veterans mentoring  
15 training program.

16 4. Has completed a background information form approved by a circuit court  
17 judge from a county that is participating in a veterans mentoring program.

18 (c) "Veterans mentoring program" is <sup>(a)</sup> program approved by a circuit court judge  
19 to provide assistance and advice to veterans and current members of the U.S. armed  
20 forces, forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces, a reserve unit of the U.S. armed  
21 forces, or the national guard, in court-related matters.

22 (2) GENERAL RULE OF PRIVILEGE. A person has a privilege to refuse to disclose  
23 and to prevent another from disclosing a confidential communication by the person  
24 to a veteran mentor.



**Paris, Lori**

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**From:** Peterson, Eric  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2010 2:12 PM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB 09-4514/1 Topic: Veterans mentor program

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Please Jacket LRB 09-4514/1 for the SENATE.