



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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2015 SENATE BILL 419

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 20.485 (2) (q) and 45.435; and *to create* 20.485 (2) (qm) and
2 45.437 of the statutes; **relating to:** a veterans employment and
3 entrepreneurship grant program, veteran employment grants, granting
4 rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
6 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

		2015-16	2016-17
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8	20.485 Veterans affairs, department of		
9	(2) LOANS AND AIDS TO VETERANS		
10	(qm) Veterans employment and entre-		
11	preneurship grants	SEG A	-0- 500,000

SENATE BILL 419**SECTION 2**

1 **SECTION 2.** 20.485 (2) (q) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
2 is repealed.

3 **SECTION 3.** 20.485 (2) (qm) of the statutes is created to read:

4 20.485 (2) (qm) *Veterans employment and entrepreneurship grants.* The
5 amounts in the schedule for the payment of veterans employment and
6 entrepreneurship grants under s. 45.437.

7 **SECTION 4.** 45.435 of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is
8 repealed.

9 **SECTION 5.** 45.437 of the statutes is created to read:

10 **45.437 Veterans employment and entrepreneurship grant program.**

11 **(1) DEFINITION.** In this section, “disabled veteran” means a veteran who is verified
12 by the department to have a service-connected disability rating of at least 50 percent
13 under 38 USC 1114 or 1134.

14 **(2) GRANTS.** (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (qm), the
15 department may award up to \$500,000 annually in grants to veterans, employers,
16 and nonprofit organizations under this section.

17 (b) The department may not award a grant under par. (a) unless the
18 department determines that the grant is likely to improve employment outcomes for
19 veterans in this state. Subject to that limitation, the department may award grants
20 to assist veteran entrepreneurs, to give employers in this state incentives to hire
21 veterans, especially disabled veterans, to help fund employment training for
22 veterans, especially disabled veterans, and for other programs or purposes as
23 determined by the department by rule.

