



2017 SENATE BILL 224

1 **AN ACT to create** 45.12 (2m) and 93.43 of the statutes; **relating to:** establishing
2 a veteran farmer assistance and outreach program and creating a veteran
3 farmer logotype.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 45.12 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:
5 45.12 (**2m**) (a) The department shall certify each farmer who applies to the
6 department to use the logotype under par. (b) if the farmer is one of the following:
7 1. A veteran.
8 2. An immediate family member of veteran under s. 45.01 (12) (g) to (i).
9 (b) The department, in consultation with the department of agriculture, trade
10 and consumer protection shall design an official logotype appropriate for use on
11 agricultural products produced by persons certified under par. (a).

SENATE BILL 224**SECTION 2**

1 **SECTION 2.** 93.43 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **93.43 Veteran farmer assistance and outreach program; veteran**
3 **farmer logotype. (1) VETERAN FARMER ASSISTANCE AND OUTREACH PROGRAM.** (a) The
4 department shall establish and implement a program to integrate veterans into the
5 field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in agriculture. The
6 department shall consult with the department of veterans affairs, the department
7 of military affairs, and the federal department of agriculture in creating the
8 program. The department shall consult with the department of corrections to
9 identify and assist formerly incarcerated veterans under the program.

10 (b) The program created under this section shall include assisting veterans in
11 rural and urban communities; providing employment, mentorship, and outreach
12 opportunities; facilitating education opportunities, including through the
13 University of Wisconsin System and the the technical college system; providing
14 advice, technical assistance, and training; connecting veterans with local, state, and
15 federal resources; and creating an Internet site relating to the program.

16 (c) An immediate family member of a veteran under s. 45.01 (12) (g) to (i) shall
17 be eligible to participate in the program created under this section.

18 **(2) VETERAN FARMER LOGOTYPE.** The department shall assist the department of
19 veterans affairs in designing a logotype under s. 45.12 (2m). The department shall
20 prohibit the use of the logotype by persons other than persons certified under s. 45.12
21 (2m) (a).

22 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

23 (1) This act takes effect on the 90th day after the day of publication.

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