



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 319
[2017 Assembly Bill 733]

License Fee Reductions

2017 Wisconsin Act 319 reduces certain occupational licensing fees for veterans and for individuals whose family income does not exceed 180% of the federal poverty line. Qualifying applicants are required to pay only 10% of the standard fee for the credential.

For individuals who qualify because they are below the income threshold, the fee reduction applies to any initial credential issued under chs. 440 to 480, Stats. These are the health and business licenses issued by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) or one of its licensing boards. For veterans, the fee reduction applies to any initial credential that is listed in s. 45.44 (1) (a) 1. through 16., Stats. This includes the DSPS health and business licenses and also includes a list of other licenses, some of which are issued by different agencies.

The Act also allows DSPS to share a person's Social Security number with the Department of Revenue, and to inspect a person's tax return, for the purpose of administering the fee reduction.

Effective date: The fee reduction for veterans took effect on April 18, 2018. The fee reduction for individuals with income below 180% of the federal poverty line takes effect on August 1, 2018.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.