



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Assembly Bill 733**

**Assembly  
Amendment 2**

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### **2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 733**

2017 Assembly Bill 733 (“the bill”) waives the fees for certain initial occupational credentials granted by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), or one of the licensing boards attached to DSPS, for veterans and for individuals whose income is below 180% of the federal poverty line.

The current “veterans fee waiver program” entitles veterans to one fee waiver on an application for an initial credential from a list of agencies, including DSPS. Under the bill, veterans are still entitled to one additional fee waiver from the list of agencies other than DSPS.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2**

Assembly Amendment 2 (“the amendment”) changes the fee waiver to a fee reduction, so that veterans and individuals with income below 180% of the federal poverty line are only required to pay 10% of the standard credentialing fee for an initial credential granted by DSPS or a licensing board. The amendment also allows DSPS to share a person’s Social Security number, and to inspect a person’s tax return, for the purpose of administering the fee reduction.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Novak on January 30, 2018. On February 1, 2018, the Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform unanimously recommended adoption of the amendment, and also unanimously recommended passage of 2017 Assembly Bill 733, as amended.

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