



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Senate Bill 616

**Senate
Amendment 2**

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2017 SENATE BILL 616

2017 Senate Bill 616 (“the bill”) waives the fees for certain initial occupational credentials granted by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), or one of its licensing boards, 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.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate 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

Senate Amendment 2 was offered by Senator Feyen on January 29, 2018. On January 30, 2018, the Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing, and State-Federal Relations unanimously recommended adoption of the amendment, and also unanimously recommended passage of 2017 Senate Bill 616, as amended.

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