March 29, 2017 – Introduced by Senators ERPENBACH, HANSEN, WIRCH, L. TAYLOR and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives SHANKLAND, KOLSTE, BERCEAU, POPE, SARGENT, CONSIDINE, GENRICH, VRUWINK, WACHS, BILLINGS, SPREITZER and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 45.57 (1); and to create 45.57 (1) (b) of the statutes; relating to: transfer of the unencumbered balance of certain appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to obtain the prior approval of the Joint Committee on Finance before the department transfers the unencumbered balance of certain appropriations for veterans homes to the veterans trust fund or the veterans mortgage loan repayment fund. Current law does not require JCF approval for those transfers.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 45.57 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 45.57 (1) (a) and amended to read:

45.57 (1) (a) The department may transfer all or part of the unencumbered balance of any of the appropriations under s. 20.485 (1) (g), or (gd),
(gk), or (i) to the veterans trust fund or to the veterans mortgage loan repayment fund.

SECTION 2. 45.57 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

45.57 (1) (b) With the prior approval of the joint committee on finance, the department may transfer all or part of the unencumbered balance of the appropriation under s. 20.485 (1) (gk) or (i) to the veterans trust fund or to the veterans mortgage loan repayment fund.