

2019 DRAFTING REQUEST

Assembly Substitute Amendment (ASA-AB785)

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Pre Topic:

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Topic:

Hmong veterans day + Hmong veterans benefits

Instructions:

Create a substitute amendment to AB785 that combines AB785 and AB618 into one substitute amendment.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION  
ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT ,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 785

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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: creating Hmong-Lao Veterans Day, expanding veterans  
2 benefits to individuals who served in Laos in support of the United States  
3 during the Vietnam War.

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

\*\*\* ANALYSIS FROM -5255/1 \*\*\*

*They* This bill *also* creates Hmong-Lao Veterans Day, the purpose of which is to recognize Southeast Asians, Americans, and their allies who served, suffered, sacrificed, or died in the Secret War in Laos during the Vietnam War in the years 1961 to 1975 in support of the armed forces of the United States and to recognize May 14, 1975, as the last day of airlift evacuation of officers and their families from the covert headquarters in Long Tieng, Laos, to the Nam Phong refugee camp in Thailand. The bill designates May 14 as Hmong-Lao Veterans Day and requires the governor to annually issue a proclamation for the observance of Hmong-Lao Veterans Day.

\*\*\* ANALYSIS FROM -3658/3 \*\*\*

This bill expands the definition of "veteran" to include individuals who were naturalized pursuant to the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000 or individuals who the secretary of Veterans Affairs has determined served honorably with a special guerrilla unit or irregular forces operating from a base in Laos in

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support of the armed forces of the United States at any time during the period from February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975, and who are citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States who reside in Wisconsin. The bill extends most veterans benefits to anyone who meets this newly expanded definition of veteran, however, admission to a state veterans home and burial in a veterans cemetery are not included benefits as they are subject to federal regulation.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 14.16 (17) of the statutes is created to read:

2           14.16 (17) HMONG-LAO VETERANS DAY. To recognize Southeast Asians,  
3 Americans, and their allies who served, suffered, sacrificed, or died in the Secret War  
4 in Laos during the Vietnam War in the years 1961 to 1975 in support of the armed  
5 forces of the United States and in recognition of May 14, 1975, as the last day of airlift  
6 evacuation of officers and their families from the covert headquarters in Long Tieng,  
7 Laos, to the Nam Phong refugee camp in Thailand, May 14 is designated as the  
8 "Hmong-Lao Veterans Day." The governor shall issue annually a suitable  
9 proclamation for the observance of "Hmong-Lao Veterans Day," ordering the flags  
10 at the state capitol building to be flown at half-staff, requesting that some portion  
11 of the day be used to recall the veterans' accomplishments and to thank those  
12 veterans for their service during that war, and encouraging schools to discuss Hmong  
13 military service in support of the armed forces of the United States.

14           **SECTION 2.** 36.27 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

15           36.27 (2) (b) 5. A person who is a resident of and living in this state at the time  
16 of registering at an institution, and who is a veteran as described under s. 45.01 (12)  
17 (fm), is entitled to the exemption under par. (a).

18           **SECTION 3.** 36.27 (3p) (a) 1r. g. of the statutes is created to read:

1           36.27 **(3p)** (a) 1r. g. The person meets the criteria described under s. 45.01 (12)  
2 (fm).

3           **SECTION 4.** 38.24 (8) (a) 1r. g. of the statutes is created to read:

4           38.24 **(8)** (a) 1r. g. The person meets the criteria described under s. 45.01 (12)  
5 (fm).

6           **SECTION 5.** 45.01 (12) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:

7           45.01 **(12)** (fm) A person who was naturalized pursuant to section 2 (1) of the  
8 federal Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000, P.L. 106-207, and resides in  
9 this state or a person who the secretary determines served honorably with a special  
10 guerrilla unit or irregular forces operating from a base in Laos in support of the  
11 armed forces of the United States at any time during the period beginning February  
12 28, 1961, and ending May 7, 1975; is a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully  
13 admitted for permanent residence in the United States; and resides in the state.

14           **SECTION 6.** 45.44 (3) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           45.44 **(3)** (c) (intro.) A veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12) (a) to (f) (fm), or one  
16 of the following:

17           **SECTION 7.** 45.51 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

18           45.51 **(2)** (a) 1. A veteran, other than a veteran described under s. 45.01 (12)  
19 (fm).

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(END)

**Walker, Dan**

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**From:** Rep.Stuck  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 9:09 AM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** RE: LRB 19s0270 Topic: Hmong veterans day + Hmong veterans benefits

Hello,

Could I have this amendment re-jacketed? It was on my desk with another jacketed amendment last night when I left the office and it was not there when I got into the office this morning. I'm afraid someone knocked it off the desk and the cleaning folks threw it away.

Thank you!

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**From:** LRB.Legal <lrblegal@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
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**To:** Rep.Stuck <Rep.Stuck@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** LRB 19s0270 Topic: Hmong veterans day + Hmong veterans benefits

The attached proposal has been jacketed for introduction.

A copy has also been sent to: [Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Melinda.Johns@legis.wisconsin.gov)