

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 23-5170/1	Introduction Number SB-0748
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Description
 indication of veteran status of former service member on an operator's license or identification card

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory
- 3. Increase Revenue Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenue Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a veteran of the U.S. armed forces may elect to indicate his or her veteran status on his or her Wisconsin operator's license or identification card. This bill creates a definition of "veteran" that includes any person who is a former member of the U.S. armed forces, a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, or the national guard and who was discharged under honorable conditions. This definition applies only for the purpose of enabling such a person to indicate on his or her operator's license or identification card that he or she is a veteran and does not apply to any other veteran benefit. This bill broadens the definition of "veteran" to include national guard and reserve members, allowing these members to indicate their veteran status on their Wisconsin operator's license or identification card.

VBRC currently processes over 6,000 Veteran Identifier applications per year, a trend that has held steady since 2018. Approximately 4,000 of those applications are submitted via MyWisVets with the remaining 2,000 being submitted via paper applications. Both paper and digital applications require verification tasks, however paper applications also require data entry tasks which require additional processing time. Estimating the number of additional applications that would be submitted is difficult. We have found no reliable estimate of the number of former members of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces or the national guard who were discharged under honorable conditions who are currently living in Wisconsin.

The most recent data we have indicates there are 9,235 Wisconsin residents currently in the reserve, and 7,201 Wisconsin Residents in the National Guard. Given the strong interest in obtaining the Veteran Identifier and the likely high number of newly eligible former service members, WDVA could easily see 10,000 additional applicants in the first year alone, resulting in an additional 2,500-man hours of eligibility verification tasks. Without additional staff resources, it is likely the change would cause exceedingly long delays in the verification process.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications