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2023 Wisconsin Act 205 [2023 Assembly Bill 385]	**Hmong Veteran Status Indication on a Driver's License or ID Card**

BACKGROUND

An applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card may request to have that person's veteran status indicated on the license or card.

In general, an applicant may request the veteran status indication only if that person completed certain active duty service in the U.S. armed forces, received an honorable discharge on the basis of disability or hardship, or was released under honorable conditions due to a reduction in the U.S. armed forces.

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2023 Wisconsin Act 205 allows an applicant for a license or card to request veteran status indication if the person was admitted into this country as a refugee from Laos and served with a special guerilla unit or irregular forces operating from Laos in support of the U.S. armed forced during the period from February 28, 1961, to September 18, 1978.

A person applying for veteran status indication on this basis must provide documentation as specified in federal law.[1]

Effective date and initial applicability: Act 205 took effect on March 24, 2024, and initially applies to an application for a license or card received by the Department of Transportation on that date.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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[1] Documentation may consist of: (a) original documents; (b) an affidavit of the person's superior officer; (c) two affidavits from other individuals who also were serving with a special guerilla unit or irregular forces and who personally knew of the person's service; or (d) other appropriate proof. [Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000, P.L. 106-207, SEC. 4.]