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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Assembly Bill 1079 does all of the following:

- Corrects an inadvertent error in 2023 Wisconsin Act 47 by modifying the elements of sexual assault under the Wisconsin Code of Military Justice to align with the elements of the offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- Removes the Wisconsin residency eligibility requirements in determining whether an individual or his or her spouse or children may be buried in a state veterans cemetery, and directs from which appropriation account some eligible individuals' burial expenses may be paid.
- Makes a number of changes to employment at veterans homes, including all of the following:
 - Beginning on January 1, 2025, the bill requires that veterans home employees who provide direct care to residents of a veterans home must be paid on a weekly basis if they so request.
 - Sunsetting on January 1, 2029, the bill does all of the following:
 - Exempts nonsupervisory positions providing direct care to residents of veterans homes from resume rating panels and interview panels under the state civil service system.
 - Allows a veterans home to fill permanent vacant positions without using the state civil service procedures for nurses, nurse aides, medical assistants, and dietitians who are graduates of an institution of higher education or completed an instructional or training program **if the employment offer is made before and contingent upon graduation or completion of the training program**, and other profession-specific criteria are satisfied.
 - Requires that a register of eligible applicants for vacant permanent positions at a state veterans home must be certified by the Department of Administration (DOA) within seven days after the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) makes a request. Current law generally requires certification be made within 30 days.
 - The bill requires the register of certified eligible applicants for vacant permanent positions at veterans homes be maintained by DOA until notified by DVA that the agency no longer needs the register. Current law generally requires that a register expire after six months.

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The amendment does the following two things:

- Clarifies that DOA must certify a register of eligible applicants for vacant permanent positions at a state veterans home within seven "business" days.

- Modifies the date on which veterans home employees who provide direct care to residents of a veterans home may request to be paid on a weekly basis from January 1, 2025 to April 1, 2025.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Vos offered Assembly Amendment 1 on February 22, 2024. On the same day, the Assembly adopted the amendment, and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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

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