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This bill expands the definition of “veteran” to include a person who was naturalized pursuant to the federal Hmong Veterans’ Naturalization Act of 2000.

The bill extends most state veterans benefits to anyone who meets this newly expanded definition of veteran, including eligibility for the Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits and waiver of certain occupational licenses fees. However, the bill excludes such persons from admission to a state veterans home or burial in a state veterans cemetery.

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The amendment adds a provision to the bill that allows a person who was naturalized pursuant to the Hmong Veterans’ Naturalization Act of 2000 to be buried in a Wisconsin veterans cemetery if that person also meets certain eligibility requirements for burial in a national veterans cemetery.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Jacque offered Senate Amendment 1 on March 12, 2025. On May 15, 2025, the Senate 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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