

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

Assembly Bill 27

Relating to: expanding veterans benefits to individuals who served in Laos in support of the United States during the Vietnam War.

By Representatives Murphy, Snyder, Anderson, Armstrong, Bare, Behnke, Billings, Brill, Brown, DeSmidt, Donovan, Franklin, Hysell, B. Jacobson, Kitchens, Kreibich, Maxey, McCarville, Melotik, Miresse, Mursau, O'Connor, Palmeri, Piwowarczyk, Rivera-Wagner, Sheehan, Sinicki, Spaude, Subeck, Tenorio, Tucker, Tusler, Wichgers, Neubauer, Udell, Roe and Joers; cosponsored by Senators Jacque, Tomczyk, Carpenter, Keyeski, Pfaff, Ratcliff, Spreitzer, Wall, Wanggaard, Wirsch and Bradley.

February 17, 2025 Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

May 22, 2025 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (10) Representative Penterman; Representatives Maxey, Snyder, Summerfield, VanderMeer, Tittl, Sinicki, Brown, McCarville and Tenorio.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (3) Representatives Franklin, Spiros and Tucker.

Appearances For

- Senator Andre' Jacque - SD 1
- Mike Pexa - Office of State Rep. David Murphy
- Joey Hoey - WI Dept of Veterans Affairs
- Lt. Nao Shoua Xiong - Hmong/Lao Veterans
- Glenn Fieber - Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans
- Kim Queen - Jewish War Veterans

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Mike "Gunner" Furgal - Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Judy O'Hara - Jewish War Veterans

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

June 12, 2025

Executive Session Held

Present: (11) Representative Penterman; Representatives Franklin, Maxey, Snyder, Spiros, Summerfield, Tittl, Sinicki, Brown, McCarville and Tenorio.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (2) Representatives Tucker and VanderMeer.

Moved by Representative Franklin, seconded by Representative Snyder that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (11) Representative Penterman; Representatives Franklin, Maxey, Snyder, Spiros, Summerfield, Tittl, Sinicki, Brown, McCarville and Tenorio.

Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 11, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Tittl, seconded by Representative Sinicki that **Assembly Bill 27** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (11) Representative Penterman; Representatives Franklin, Maxey, Snyder, Spiros, Summerfield, Tittl, Sinicki, Brown, McCarville and Tenorio.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 11, Noes 0

Kathryn Heitman
Committee Clerk