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CHAPTER 422.

AN ACT to create 59.575 of the statutes, relating to fees for recording and certifying instruments required in connection with claims of war veterans and their dependents for benefits.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

59.575 of the statutes is created to read:

59.575. CERTIFICATIONS AND FILINGS FOR VETERANS; NO CHARGE. (1) The term "veteran" as used in this section means any person, male or female, who performed active service in the armed forces of the United States during any war declared by Act of Congress, and who has been honorably discharged, or released from such active service under honorable conditions, or who is presently serving in the armed forces of the United States.

(2) No fee shall be charged by any register of deeds, clerk of circuit court or any other public officer, either state, county or local, having custody of statistical records, for the making and certifying of copies, or examining proofs of any public record or instrument, required for or in connection with, the filing of any claim or application with the United States Veterans Administration or any other federal agency, or to any state agency, or to the regularly established agency of any state, for benefits under federal or state laws, by a veteran or by any dependent of a veteran, when certified proof is required in connection with any claim or application for benefits, under federal or state laws, to which such veteran, or a dependent of a veteran, either living or dead, may be required to file, except, that in the counties where the register of deeds is under the fee system and not a fixed salary, the usual fee for such service shall be paid by the county to the proper officer. The provisions of this section shall supersede any provision of law in conflict herewith.

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