

1977 Senate Bill 340

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AN ACT to amend 20.485 (1) (a) and 45.37 (11) of the statutes, relating to funeral and burial allowances at the Wisconsin home for veterans and increasing an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.485 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.485 (1) (a) *General program operations.* The amounts in the schedule for general program operations, including not to exceed ~~\$300~~ \$400 for the burial of each deceased member as defined in s. 45.37 (15) who is buried in the cemetery of the Wisconsin veterans home. Of the amount included for general program operations, the department may use not to exceed \$2,000 to maintain a contingent fund for the payment of petty cash items, to be expended and accounted for insofar as applicable under s. 20.920. All moneys received in reimbursement for services rendered institutional employees ~~pursuant to~~ under s. 45.365 (1) and all moneys received in payment of meals to guests are to be accumulated in an account named "employee maintenance credits" and refunded to the appropriation under this paragraph.

SECTION 2. 45.37 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.37 (11) **DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY DESCENDING TO STATE.** If a member dies without legal dependents and without leaving a will the existence of which is made known to the commandant of the home within 60 days of ~~such the~~ member's death, the member's property, except personal effects of nominal monetary value which are distributed by the commandant at the commandant's discretion to surviving relatives of ~~such the~~ member who request such personal effects immediately after ~~such the~~ member's death, shall be converted to cash and turned over by the commandant of the home to the state treasurer to be paid into the appropriation under s. 20.485 (1) (h), without administration. The amount is subject to refund within 6 years to the estate of a veteran if it is subsequently discovered that ~~such the~~ veteran left a will or to any creditor or legal dependent of the veteran who establishes right to the fund or property or any portion thereof. The attorney general upon being satisfied that a claim out of such funds or property is legal and valid may certify the same to the department which shall pay the same out of such funds or property, except that payment of claims for a member's funeral and burial expenses may not exceed ~~\$300 in addition to the~~ a total of \$655 including any amount allowed by the United States for the member's funeral and burial and the right for burial and interment provided in sub. (15) (a).

SECTION 3. **Appropriation increase.** The appropriation under section 20.485 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 1977, is increased by \$..... in the fiscal year

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1977-78 and by \$..... in the fiscal year 1978-79 for the purpose of increasing the burial allowance as provided in this act.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This act takes effect on July 1, 1977, or on the day after publication, whichever is later.
