

State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Bill 224

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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 121

AN ACT *to create* 45.12 (2m) and 93.43 of the statutes; **relating to:** establishing a veteran farmer assistance and outreach program and creating a veteran farmer logotype.

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

SECTION 1. 45.12 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

45.12 (2m) (a) The department shall certify each farmer who applies to the department to use the logotype under par. (b) if the farmer is one of the following:

1. A veteran.
2. An immediate family member of veteran under s. 45.01 (12) (g) to (i).

(b) The department, in consultation with the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection shall design an official logotype appropriate for use on agricultural products produced by persons certified under par. (a).

SECTION 2. 93.43 of the statutes is created to read:

93.43 Veteran farmer assistance and outreach program; veteran farmer logotype. (1) VETERAN FARMER ASSISTANCE AND OUTREACH PROGRAM. (a) The department shall establish and implement a program to integrate veterans into the field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in agriculture. The department shall consult with the department of veterans affairs, the department of military affairs, and the federal

department of agriculture in creating the program. The department shall consult with the department of corrections to identify and assist formerly incarcerated veterans under the program.

(b) The program created under this section shall include assisting veterans in rural and urban communities; providing employment, mentorship, and outreach opportunities; facilitating education opportunities, including through the University of Wisconsin System and the technical college system; providing advice, technical assistance, and training; connecting veterans with local, state, and federal resources; and creating an Internet site relating to the program.

(c) An immediate family member of a veteran under s. 45.01 (12) (g) to (i) shall be eligible to participate in the program created under this section.

(2) VETERAN FARMER LOGOTYPE. The department shall assist the department of veterans affairs in designing a logotype under s. 45.12 (2m). The department shall prohibit the use of the logotype by persons other than persons certified under s. 45.12 (2m) (a).

SECTION 3. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the 90th day after the day of publication.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."