



State of Wisconsin
2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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DOA:.....Lawrence, BB0387 - Eligibility for DVA veterans assistance program

FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

VETERANS

Under current law, DVA is required to administer a program to provide assistance to persons who were discharged from the U.S. armed forces under conditions other than dishonorable and whose need for assistance is based on homelessness, incarceration, or other circumstances established by DVA. Also under current law, a person may be eligible for benefits under programs administered by DVA only if the person is a resident of and living in Wisconsin at the time the person applies for benefits. This bill exempts from that eligibility requirement persons who may receive assistance under DVA's program to assist homeless, incarcerated, and other qualifying veterans.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 20.485 (2) (ac) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. 45.43 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.43 (1) The department shall administer a program to provide assistance to persons who served in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces and who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. The department shall provide assistance under this section to persons whose need for services is based upon homelessness, incarceration, or other circumstances designated by the department by rule. The eligibility requirements under s. 45.02 (2) do not apply to a person applying for assistance under this section. The department shall designate the assistance available under this section, which may include assistance in receiving medical care, dental care, education, employment, single room occupancy housing, and transitional housing. The department may provide payments to facilitate the provision of services under this section. ~~From the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (ac), the department shall provide \$15,000 annually during fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09 to the Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd., of Milwaukee, to provide outreach services to homeless veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.~~

SECTION 3. 45.43 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

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