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### 2023 Wisconsin Act 204 [2023 Senate Bill 546]

### Admission of Spouses at Veterans Homes

2023 Wisconsin Act 204 allows a spouse of a veteran to be an eligible member of a veterans home even if the veteran is not a member of the home, if certain conditions are met.

Under prior law, a spouse could be an eligible member of a veterans home only if the veteran was a member of the home (or was institutionalized elsewhere), and the spouse and the veteran met certain other eligibility requirements.

Under the act, that option remains intact, and a new option is created that allows a spouse of a veteran to be an eligible member of a veterans home whether or not the veteran is a member of the home. For eligibility under this option, the spouse must be permanently incapacitated due to physical disability or age from any substantially gainful occupation.<sup>1</sup>

**Effective date:** March 24, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The spouse's permanent incapacitation is not required under the prior option, if the veteran is a member of the home.