



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Senate Bill 205

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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Senate Bill 205 creates a trust fund designated as the Veterans Northwestern Facilities Trust Fund. The fund consists of the net proceeds of the sale of surplus land at the Northern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled in Chippewa Falls. Under the bill, funds could be used for the development and provision of services, facilities, and programs for veterans at Northern Wisconsin Center. The Department of Veterans Affairs would be given the authority to develop, construct or renovate, and operate residential, treatment, and nursing facilities and programs for veterans in Northwestern Wisconsin on the property of Northern Wisconsin Center. These may include an assisted living facility, a skilled nursing facility, a medical clinic, an adult day health care center, an activities center, and a veterans' assistance program. The bill authorizes the department to employ any personnel that are necessary for the proper management of these facilities and programs.

Senate Amendment 1 deletes references in the bill to the Veterans Northwestern Facilities Trust Fund and instead modifies language pertaining to an existing appropriation that was created by 2003 Wisconsin Act 33 (the 2003-05 Biennial Budget Act). Act 33 created a statute that authorized the Joint Committee on Finance to approve expenditure of moneys received by the state from the sale of property at Northern Wisconsin Center only to support any state activity conducted at the Center. Senate Amendment 1 deletes references to the trust fund and instead amends the statute created by Act 33 to allow expenditure of the moneys received from the sale of property at Northern Wisconsin Center to support any state activity “, including by the Department of Veterans Affairs”.

Legislative History

On September 18, 2003, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform introduced and recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1, and recommended passage of the bill as amended, by votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

On October 23, 2003, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1, and passed the bill as amended, both by voice votes.

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