



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 427

Senate Amendment 1

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Current law, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 25 (the 2005 Budget Act), requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and the district board in charge of the technical colleges of a district to grant full remission (with certain limitations) of specified fees and tuition for 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer, to any resident student who is a spouse, an unremarried surviving spouse, or a child of an “eligible veteran.” An “eligible veteran” is defined, in general, as a veteran who entered service while a resident of Wisconsin and either died while on duty, or incurred at least a 30% service-connected disability rating, while a resident of Wisconsin.

Senate Bill 427 expands the definition of eligible veteran to include a person who has incurred at least a 30% service-connected disability rating and who was a resident of Wisconsin for at least 10 continuous years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the spouse, surviving spouse, or child registers at an institution. As a result, such a veteran is not required to be a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into service or at the time that the disability rating is incurred, in order to be an eligible veteran.

Senate Amendment 1 deletes the current-law requirement that a veteran, in order to qualify as an eligible veteran by being a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into service and incurring at least a 30% service-connected disability rating, must be a resident of Wisconsin at the time that the disability rating was incurred. As a result, such a veteran is not required to be a resident of Wisconsin at the time that the disability rating is incurred, in order to be an eligible veteran.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Hansen. On February 1, 2006, the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1, and passage of Senate Bill 427 as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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