



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 231

March 16, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, GRONEMUS, FREESE and PETTIS, cosponsored by Senator LASSA. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 45.49 (1) and 230.35 (4) (a) 3.; and *to create* 45.49 (1m) and
2 230.35 (4) (a) 11. of the statutes; **relating to:** state government holidays.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, all offices of the agencies of state government are closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and a total of nine state holidays. Among these holidays is the last Monday in May, which is used as the day of celebration for May 30. (This day is traditionally used to celebrate and observe Memorial Day.) This bill provides that May 30 must be the day on which the offices of the agencies of state government are closed to celebrate and observe Memorial Day, unless May 30 falls on a Saturday or Sunday. If May 30 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the following Monday is the day on which the offices of the agencies of state government are closed.

For further information see the *state* 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 45.49 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 45.49 (1) ~~The head of every department of the state government and of every~~
5 ~~court of the state, every superintendent or foreman on the public works of the state,~~

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1 every Every county officer, and the head of every department or office in any town,
2 village, city, or other political subdivision, shall give a leave of absence with pay for
3 24 hours on the last Monday in May of each year, which shall be the day of celebration
4 for May 30, to every person in the employ of ~~the state or~~ any county, town, village or
5 city ~~therein~~, who has at any time served in and been honorably discharged from the
6 army, air force, coast guard, merchant marine, navy or marine corps of the United
7 States. A refusal to give such leave of absence to one entitled thereto, shall constitute
8 neglect of duty.

9 **SECTION 2.** 45.49 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

10 45.49 (1m) The head of every department of the state government and of every
11 court of the state, and every superintendent or foreman on the public works of the
12 state, shall give a leave of absence with pay for 24 hours on May 30, or the Monday
13 immediately following May 30 if May 30 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, to every
14 person in the employ of the state who has at any time served in and been honorably
15 discharged from the army, air force, coast guard, merchant marine, navy, or marine
16 corps of the United States. A refusal to give such leave of absence to one entitled
17 thereto shall constitute neglect of duty.

18 **SECTION 3.** 230.35 (4) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

19 230.35 (4) (a) 3. ~~The last Monday in May, which shall be the day of celebration~~
20 ~~for~~ May 30.

21 **SECTION 4.** 230.35 (4) (a) 11. of the statutes is created to read:

22 230.35 (4) (a) 11. If May 30 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the following
23 Monday.

24 (END)