



## 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 317

April 15, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives LOEFFELHOLZ, GARD, KREIBICH, WIECKERT, GUNDRUM, BIES, DAVIS, VAN ROY, FREESE, FRISKE, NERISON, AINSWORTH, LOTHIAN, TOWNS, SINICKI, WOOD, SHERMAN, GUNDERSON, VRAKAS, J. FITZGERALD, BOYLE, GRONEMUS, HAHN, HUEBSCH, HUNDERTMARK, KESTELL, KRAWCZYK, F. LASEE, MCCORMICK, MONTGOMERY, MUSSER, NISCHKE, OTT, OWENS, PETROWSKI, PETTIS, PRIDEMORE, SCHNEIDER, SUDER, TURNER, VUKMIR, M. WILLIAMS, HUBLER, TRAVIS, KLEEFISCH, MOULTON, BERCEAU, POPE-ROBERTS, MURSAU, RHOADES and KAUFERT, cosponsored by Senators BROWN, ZIEN, GROTHMAN, DARLING, DECKER, HARS DORF, KANAVAS, PLALE, ROESSLER, STEPP, S. FITZGERALD, BRESKE, WIRCH, LASSA, CARPENTER, RISSER, KAPANKE, A. LASEE and HANSEN, by request of Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion, AMVETS, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gold Star Wives, Vietnam Veterans of America, Catholic War Veterans, Wisconsin Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, US Submarine Veterans of WWII, United Women Veterans, and the Military Officers Association of America.. Referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 36.27 (3n) and 38.24 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** exempting  
2 spouses, unremarried surviving spouses, and children of certain veterans from  
3 tuition and fees at the University of Wisconsin System and at technical colleges.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the University of Wisconsin (UW) and each technical college district board to grant to the spouse, unremarried surviving spouse, or child of an eligible veteran full remission of tuition and fees at any UW institution or technical college for 128 credits or 8 semesters, whichever is longer.

An eligible veteran is a person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into service; served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces, forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces, the national guard, or in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces; and who, while a resident of this state, either died on active duty, died in the line of duty while on active or inactive duty for training purposes, or incurred at least a 30 percent service-connected disability.

For a spouse or unremarried surviving spouse, the remission applies only during the first ten years after the eligible veteran received the service-connected disability or after the eligible veteran died. For a child, the remission applies only until he or she reaches 26 years of age.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 36.27 (3n) of the statutes is created to read:

2           **36.27 (3n)** FEE REMISSION FOR SPOUSE, SURVIVING SPOUSE, AND CHILDREN OF  
3 CERTAIN VETERANS. (a) In this subsection, “eligible veteran” means either of the  
4 following:

5           1. A person who has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the  
6 U.S. armed forces, in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces, in the  
7 national guard, or in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces; who was a  
8 resident of this state at the time of entry or reentry into that service; and who, while  
9 a resident of this state, either died on active duty, or died in the line of duty while on  
10 active or inactive duty for training purposes.

11           2. A person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry or reentry into  
12 service described in subd. 1. and who, while a resident of this state, incurred at least  
13 a 30 percent service-connected disability, as rated by the U.S. department of  
14 veterans affairs.

15           (b) Except as provided in subds. 1. to 3., the board shall grant full remission of  
16 academic fees and segregated fees for 128 credits or 8 semesters, whichever is longer,  
17 to any resident student who is also any of the following:

18           1. A spouse of an eligible veteran. The remission under this subdivision applies  
19 only during the first 10 years after the eligible veteran received the  
20 service-connected disability.

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1           2. An unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran. The remission  
2 under this subdivision applies only during the first 10 years after the veteran died.

3           3. A child of an eligible veteran, if the child is at least 18 but not yet 26 years  
4 of age and is a full-time student at an institution.

5           **SECTION 2.** 38.24 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

6           **38.24 (7) FEE REMISSION FOR SPOUSE, SURVIVING SPOUSE, AND CHILDREN OF CERTAIN**  
7 **VETERANS.** (a) In this subsection, "eligible veteran" means either of the following:

8           1. A person who has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the  
9 U.S. armed forces, in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces, in the  
10 national guard, or in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces; who was a  
11 resident of this state at the time of entry or reentry into that service; and who, while  
12 a resident of this state, either died on active duty, or died in the line of duty while on  
13 active or inactive duty for training purposes.

14           2. A person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry or reentry into  
15 service described in subd. 1. and who, while a resident of this state, incurred at least  
16 a 30 percent service-connected disability, as rated by the U.S. department of  
17 veterans affairs.

18           (b) Except as provided in subds. 1. to 3., the district board shall grant full  
19 remission of fees under sub. (1m) (a) to (c) for 128 credits or 8 semesters, whichever  
20 is longer, to any resident student who is also any of the following:

21           1. A spouse of an eligible veteran. The remission under this subdivision applies  
22 only during the first 10 years after the eligible veteran received the  
23 service-connected disability.

24           2. An unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran. The remission  
25 under this subdivision applies only during the first 10 years after the veteran died.

