



2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 132

March 5, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, MUSSER, BOYLE, TURNER, SINICKI, GUNDRUM, HAHN and GUNDERSON, cosponsored by Senators LASSA and SULLIVAN. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 36.27 (3n) (a) (intro.) and 38.24 (7) (a) (intro.); and *to create*
2 36.27 (3n) (a) 3. and 38.24 (7) (a) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility for
3 tuition fee remission for family members of certain veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a spouse, child, or unremarried surviving spouse of certain veterans is eligible for a full remission of tuition at the University of Wisconsin System and at technical colleges. For the spouse, unremarried surviving spouse, or child to be eligible, the veteran must have entered service while a resident of this state and either died while on duty or incurred a service-connected disability that is rated as 30 percent or more.

This bill adds fee remission eligibility to the spouse or child of a veteran if the veteran is a resident of this state and was a resident of this state for at least 15 continuous years before the student registers.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 36.27 (3n) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 36.27 **(3n)** (a) (intro.) In this subsection, “eligible veteran” means a person
 2 verified by the department of veterans affairs to be either any of the following:

3 **SECTION 2.** 36.27 (3n) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

4 36.27 **(3n)** (a) 3. A person who is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12), who is
 5 a resident of this state for purposes of receiving benefits under ch. 45, and who has
 6 been a continuous resident of this state for at least 15 years immediately preceding
 7 the beginning of any semester or session for which the spouse or child registers at
 8 an institution.

9 **SECTION 3.** 38.24 (7) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 38.24 **(7)** (a) (intro.) In this subsection, “eligible veteran” means a person
 11 verified by the department of veterans affairs to be either any of the following:

12 **SECTION 4.** 38.24 (7) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

13 38.24 **(7)** (a) 3. A person who is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12), who is a
 14 resident of this state for purposes of receiving benefits under ch. 45, and who has
 15 been a continuous resident of this state for at least 15 years immediately preceding
 16 the beginning of any semester or session for which the spouse or child registers at
 17 an institution.

18 **(END)**