



## 2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 389

August 29, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives FRANKLIN, SORTWELL, SINICKI, DOYLE, BEHNKE, DITTRICH, FITZGERALD, GOEBEN, GOODWIN, HYSSELL, B. JACOBSON, KNODL, KREIBICH, MADISON, MAXEY, MURSAU, ROE, UDELL, WICHGERS, MURPHY, STROUD, TENORIO and GUSTAFSON, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE, PFAFF, HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, RATCLIFF, SPREITZER, WIRCH and FEYEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 45.01 (12) (L) of the statutes; **relating to:** indication of  
2             veteran status of certain service members on operators' licenses or  
3             identification cards.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a veteran of the U.S. armed forces may elect to indicate his or her veteran status on his or her Wisconsin operator's license or identification card. "Veteran" is a defined term that includes individuals who have served a specified period of active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces. With limited exceptions, neither national guard duty nor service in a reserve unit qualifies as active duty.

This bill creates a definition of "veteran" that includes any person who is a former member of the U.S. armed forces, a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, or the national guard and who meets the eligibility requirements for a veterans home loan established by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This definition applies only for the purpose of enabling such a person to indicate on his or her operator's license or identification card that he or she is a veteran and does not apply to any other veteran benefit.

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

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