



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 45.03 (3) (a), 45.03 (3) (b), 45.60 (1) (b) and 45.60 (2); and **to**
2 *create* 45.01 (4m) of the statutes; **relating to:** the Council on Veterans
3 Programs (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Veterans
4 Affairs).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill defines “council” for the purposes of the Veterans Affairs chapter to mean the Council on Veterans Programs and amends statutory references within the chapter accordingly.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Veterans Affairs and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

5 **SECTION 1.** 45.01 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

1 45.01 **(4m)** “Council” means the council on veterans programs created under
2 s. 15.497 (2).

NOTE: SECTION 1 creates the definition “council” for the Council on Veterans Programs, a body currently housed within the Department of Veterans Affairs. SECTIONS 2 to 5 replace existing references to the Council on Veterans Programs with references to the new definition.

****NOTE: If this bill is compiled with others for /1, double-check the autoreferenced SECTION numbers in the above note.

3 **SECTION 2.** 45.03 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 45.03 **(3)** (a) The council ~~on veterans programs created under s. 15.497~~ shall
5 advise the board and the department on solutions and policy alternatives relating
6 to the problems of veterans.

7 **SECTION 3.** 45.03 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 45.03 **(3)** (b) The council ~~on veterans programs~~ and the department, jointly or
9 separately, shall submit a report regarding the council ~~on veterans programs~~ to the
10 chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the legislature under
11 s. 13.172 (2) by September 30 of every odd-numbered year. The report shall include
12 a general summary of the activities and membership over the past 2 years of the
13 council and each organization on the council.

14 **SECTION 4.** 45.60 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 45.60 **(1)** (b) Military funeral honors may be provided by local units of member
16 organizations of the council ~~on veterans programs~~, by local units of veterans
17 organizations certified by the department to provide military funeral honors, by
18 members of the Wisconsin national guard activated under s. 321.04 (2) (e), or by staff
19 of the department.

20 **SECTION 5.** 45.60 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.60 (2) STIPENDS. From the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (sm), the department shall reimburse a local unit of a member organization of the council on ~~veterans programs~~ or a local unit of a veterans organization certified by the department to provide military funeral honors for the costs of providing military funeral honors in this state to a person described in sub. (1). The reimbursement may not exceed \$50 for each funeral for which military honors are provided.

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