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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 1**

May 13, 2026 - Offered by Representative KNODL.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 5: after “payments;” insert “eligibility changes for the veterans
3 and surviving spouses property tax credit;”.

4 **2.** Page 1, line 7: after “limit;” insert “disaster assistance grants;”.

5 **3.** Page 4, line 1: before that line insert:

6 “**SECTION 1c.** 13.101 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

7 13.101 (18) If the department of military affairs requests that the joint
8 committee on finance supplement an appropriation account under s. 323.32 (5) (d)
9 1. or create, on a temporary basis, a portion of a position, as defined in s. 230.03
10 (11), under s. 323.32 (5) (d) 2., the joint committee on finance shall hold a meeting
11 as soon as practicable after receiving the request.

1 period after entry into that active duty service; who was a resident of this state at
2 the time of his or her death; and who had either a service-connected disability
3 rating of ~~100~~ at least 80 percent under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or a 100 percent
4 disability rating based on individual unemployability.

5 **SECTION 4m.** 71.07 (6e) (a) 3. d. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 71.07 **(6e)** (a) 3. d. Has either a service-connected disability rating of ~~100~~ at
7 least 80 percent under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or a 100 percent disability rating based
8 on individual unemployability.

9 **SECTION 4s.** 71.07 (6e) (c) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

10 71.07 **(6e)** (c) 4. If a claimant's service-connected disability rating is less than
11 100 percent, the amount of the credit claimed under this subsection may not exceed
12 the amount determined by multiplying the claimant's property taxes by a
13 percentage that equals the eligible veteran's service-connected disability rating.”.

14 **5.** Page 9, line 22: after that line insert:

15 “**SECTION 10m.** 323.32 of the statutes is created to read:

16 **323.32 Disaster assistance for individuals and businesses grant**
17 **programs.** (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

18 (a) “Business” means an organization conducting business in this state.
19 “Business” includes a credit union, as defined in s. 186.01 (2). “Business” does not
20 include a nonstock corporation organized under subchs. I to XIV of ch. 181 or a
21 foreign nonstock corporation authorized to transact business in this state under
22 subch. XV of ch. 181, except for a foreign credit union.

23 (b) “Household” has the meaning given in s. 287.17 (1) (h).

1 **(2) CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION.** (a) The department of military affairs
2 shall create a program to award grants to individuals who are adversely affected by
3 a disaster-related state of emergency declared by the governor under s. 323.10 on or
4 after January 1, 2025, for the purpose of meeting the individuals' disaster-related
5 expenses.

6 (b) The department of military affairs shall create a program to award grants
7 to businesses that are adversely affected by a disaster-related state of emergency
8 declared by the governor under s. 323.10 on or after January 1, 2025, for the
9 purpose of meeting the businesses' disaster-related expenses.

10 **(3) GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS.** (a) *Grants awarded.* 1. Subject to subd. 2., from
11 the appropriation under s. 20.465 (3) (bf), the department of military affairs shall
12 award grants to individuals eligible under par. (c) who are adversely affected by a
13 disaster-related state of emergency declared by the governor under s. 323.10 on or
14 after January 1, 2025, for the purpose of meeting the individuals' disaster-related
15 expenses incurred because of damage to the individual's primary residence.

16 2. An individual eligible under par. (c) may not receive a grant under subd. 1.
17 if a business that operates at the individual's residence or contiguously to the
18 individual's residence has been awarded a grant under sub. (4) (a) for repairs to the
19 same residence.

20 3. The department of military affairs is not obligated to award a grant under
21 subd. 1. if it does not have sufficient funds available to award the grant.

22 (b) *Eligible expenses.* Expenses eligible to be met by a grant under this
23 subsection shall be limited to, as determined by the department of military affairs,
24 the expenses of fixing or replacing personal property damaged by the disaster,

1 home repair that is necessary due to damage from the disaster conducted by a
2 contractor that has obtained a certificate under s. 101.654 (1) (a), and temporary
3 housing assistance.

4 (c) *Individual eligibility.* Except as provided in par. (d), an individual is
5 eligible for a grant under par. (a) if all of the following apply:

6 1. The individual applies for the grant in a manner as determined by the
7 department of military affairs and within 90 days after a determination is made by
8 the federal emergency management agency to not provide aid to the individual for
9 the disaster-related expenses, if applicable, within 90 days after a disaster-related
10 state of emergency is declared by the governor under s. 323.10 if the disaster-related
11 damages do not meet the minimum qualifications for individual federal aid, or
12 within 90 days after the effective date of this subdivision [LRB inserts date],
13 whichever is later.

14 2. The individual provides to the department of military affairs a receipt or
15 other documentation, as determined by the department of military affairs, for any
16 disaster-related eligible expenses for which the individual seeks a grant.

17 3. The individual signs and provides to the department of military affairs a
18 signed affidavit committing to return to the department of military affairs any part
19 of the grant that is or becomes duplicated by the individual's receipt of insurance
20 money or other source of disaster-related assistance that is not a loan awarded
21 directly by the federal government.

22 4. The individual is lawfully present in the United States.

23 (d) *Grant limits.* 1. The department of military affairs may not award more

1 than \$25,000 in grants to a single household in relation to a single disaster-related
2 state of emergency declared by the governor under s. 323.10.

3 2. No grants may be awarded under this subsection to individuals who are
4 adversely affected by a disaster-related state of emergency declared by the governor
5 under s. 323.10 if all of the following apply:

6 a. The president of the United States has declared a major disaster to exist in
7 this state, and the major disaster is the same disaster that forms the basis of the
8 disaster-related state of emergency declared by the governor under s. 323.10.

9 b. Federal aid is made available to individuals who are adversely affected by
10 the major disaster declared by the president of the United States in a manner
11 similar to the grant program under this subsection.

12 (4) GRANTS TO BUSINESSES. (a) *Grants awarded.* 1. Subject to subd. 2, from
13 the appropriation under s. 20.465 (3) (bg), the department of military affairs shall
14 award grants to businesses eligible under par. (c) that are adversely affected by a
15 disaster-related state of emergency declared by the governor under s. 323.10 on or
16 after January 1, 2025, for the purpose of meeting the businesses' disaster-related
17 expenses for a single location in this state.

18 2. If a business eligible under par. (c) has multiple locations in this state that
19 may qualify for a grant under subd. 1., the business may receive a grant for each
20 location.

21 3. A business eligible under par. (c) that operates within an individual's
22 residence or contiguously to an individual's residence may not receive a grant under
23 subd. 1. if the individual has been awarded a grant under sub. (3) (a) for repairs to
24 the same residence.

1 4. The department of military affairs is not obligated to award a grant under
2 subd. 1. if it does not have sufficient funds available to award the grant.

3 (b) *Eligible expenses.* Expenses eligible to be met by a grant under this
4 subsection shall be limited to, as determined by the department of military affairs,
5 the expenses of fixing or replacing a business's property damaged by the disaster,
6 repair to the business necessary due to damage from the disaster, payroll
7 assistance, working capital, and other normal business operating expenses.

8 (c) *Business eligibility.* Except as provided in par. (d), a business is eligible for
9 a grant under par. (a) if all of the following apply:

10 1. The business operates in this state.

11 2. The business is not liable for any delinquent federal, state, or local taxes.

12 3. The business has been damaged as a result of the business's operation in a
13 portion of the state included in the governor's disaster-related state of emergency
14 declaration made under s. 323.10.

15 4. The business applies for the grant in a manner as determined by the
16 department of military affairs and within 90 days after a disaster-related state of
17 emergency declared by the governor under s. 323.10 or within 90 days after the
18 effective date of this subdivision [LRB inserts date], whichever is later.

19 5. The business provides to the department of military affairs a receipt or
20 other documentation, as determined by the department of military affairs, for any
21 disaster-related eligible expenses for which the business seeks a grant and for
22 which the business has incurred as a result of the disaster underlying the
23 governor's state of emergency declaration made under s. 323.10.

24 6. The business provides to the department of military affairs a signed

1 affidavit committing to return to the department of military affairs any part of the
2 grant that is or becomes duplicated by the business's receipt of insurance money or
3 other source of disaster-related assistance that is not a loan awarded directly by the
4 federal government.

5 (d) *Grant limits.* 1. The department of military affairs may not award more
6 than \$50,000 in grants to a single business in relation to a single disaster-related
7 state of emergency declared by the governor under s. 323.10.

8 2. No grants may be awarded under this subsection to businesses that are
9 adversely affected by a disaster-related state of emergency declared by the governor
10 under s. 323.10 if all of the following apply:

11 a. The president of the United States has declared a major disaster to exist in
12 this state, and the major disaster is the same disaster that forms the basis of the
13 disaster-related state of emergency declared by the governor under s. 323.10.

14 b. Federal aid is made available to the businesses that are adversely affected
15 by the major disaster declared by the president of the United States in a manner
16 similar to the grant program under this subsection.

17 (5) DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS DUTIES AND POWERS. (a) *Grant*
18 *processing.* Subject to subs. (3) (d) and (4) (d), the department of military affairs
19 shall process an application for a grant under sub. (3) (a) 1. or (4) (a) 1. and award
20 the grant to those eligible under sub. (3) (c) or (4) (c) for the individual's or
21 business's eligible disaster-related expenses under sub. (3) (b) or (4) (b), as
22 applicable, within 30 days after the individual's or the business's application for the
23 grant or within 30 days after the completion of any necessary inspections,
24 whichever is later.

1 (b) *Administration.* The department of military affairs may use up to 6
2 percent of any amount appropriated for administrative costs, including funding the
3 positions created under 2025 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9131 (1) and (2),
4 and for information technology development, data privacy, and security under this
5 section.

6 (c) *Transfer of funds.* The department of military affairs may use amounts
7 appropriated for one grant program under this section for another grant program
8 under this section upon approval of a request submitted to the joint committee on
9 finance. If, within 14 days after the date of the request, the cochairpersons of the
10 committee do not notify the department of military affairs that the committee has
11 scheduled a meeting to review the request, the request is considered approved. If
12 the cochairpersons notify the department of military affairs within 14 days after
13 the date of the department's request that the committee has scheduled a meeting to
14 review the request, the moneys may not be used as requested unless authorized by
15 approval of the committee.

16 (d) *Additional funding and positions.* 1. In any fiscal year in which the
17 department of military affairs determines that it does not have sufficient funds to
18 award as many grants as eligible individuals or businesses, the department of
19 military affairs may request under s. 13.101 (3) that the joint committee on finance
20 supplement the appropriation account under s. 20.465 (3) (bf) or (bg) with
21 additional funds for the purpose of making grants.

22 2. In any fiscal year in which the department of military affairs determines
23 that it does not have sufficient position authority to administer this section, the
24 department of military affairs may request under s. 13.101 (2) that the joint

1 committee on finance create, on a temporary basis, a portion of a position, as
2 defined in s. 230.03 (11), to administer this section.

3 **SECTION 9131. Nonstatutory provisions; Military Affairs.**

4 (1) PROJECT POSITION AUTHORITY. The authorized FTE positions for the
5 department of military affairs are increased by 2.0 project positions to establish the
6 grant program under s. 323.32. The project positions authorized under this
7 subsection shall terminate 2 years from the effective date of this subsection.

8 (2) FTE POSITION AUTHORITY. The authorized FTE positions for the
9 department of military affairs are increased by 1.0 position to administer the grant
10 programs under s. 323.32.”.

11 **6.** Page 12, line 10: after that line insert:

12 “(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR THE VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES PROPERTY TAX
13 CREDIT. The treatment of s. 71.07 (6e) (a) 2. b. and 3. d. and (c) 4. first applies to
14 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

15 **SECTION 9431. Effective dates; Military Affairs.** This act takes effect on
16 the day after publication, except as follows:

17 (1) DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES GRANT PROGRAMS.
18 The treatment of ss. 13.101 (18) and 323.32 (1) to (4) and (5) (a), (c), and (d) take
19 effect on the 30th day after publication.”.

20 (END)