

**ORDER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ADOPTING RULES**

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs hereby proposes an order to repeal VA 8.01 and 8.03 (1), relating to the county veterans service officer grant program.

ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Statutory authority: ss. 45.03 (2) and 45.82, Stats.

Statute interpreted: sec. 45.82, Stats.

Explanation of agency authority: The legislature has authorized the department to award grants to counties for the improvement of service to veterans residing in the State of Wisconsin. The board of veterans affairs is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to carry out the purposes of chapter 45 of the statutes. An essential element of the county veterans service officer (CVSO) grant program is the establishment of the eligibility criteria for that program.

Related statute or rule: None.

Plain language analysis: The proposed order eliminates references to an obsolete pay schedule that had established a minimum pay level for CVSOs. The pay schedule was initiated in 1989, in an attempt to raise CVSO pay to an acceptable minimal level. The State Office of Employment Relations has repealed the referenced pay schedule. Data establish that the current salaries of CVSOs significantly exceed the current minimum levels. In fact, 43 out of 72 counties exceed the applicable pay schedule *maximums*. In consultation with the CVSO Association and the CVSO Advisory Council, the department determined that the obsolete pay schedule is not necessary nor is a new pay schedule required to assure the maintenance of the current CVSO salary structure.

Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulations: There are no current or pending federal regulations that address this issue.

Comparison with rules in adjacent states: There are no similar rules in adjacent states.

Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies: The department reviewed salary data from each county over the last several years. As indicated above, the analysis establishes that the salary levels significantly exceed the applicable pay schedule minimums.

Analysis and supporting documents used to determine the effect on small business or in preparation of an economic impact statement: The department has determined that the repeal of the salary schedule references would have no fiscal impact. Grant amounts are determined under a distinct statutory provision. The proposed order has no regulatory aspect to it, has no effect upon small business, nor any fiscal impact upon the private sector.

Effect on small business: None.

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Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission: To the agency contact person at Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, 30 West Mifflin Street, P.O. Box 7843, Madison, WI 53707-7843 or at the above internet address, within 5 days after the public hearing, which will be scheduled for April 20, 2007.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. VA 8.01 is repealed.

SECTION 2. VA 8.03 (1) is repealed.

The repeal of the rule contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, April 26, 2007.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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