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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

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 applies only for the purpose of indicating veteran status on an operator's license or identification card.

Based on the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) estimates the Department will not have adequate staff to accommodate the influx of applications it will initially receive which will cause delays in processing of applications in a timely fashion for a period of months. DVA would suggest hiring an LTE for the initial application influx the Department will see.

DVA would expect additional Veteran identifier applications to fall between 1,000 and 10,000 in the first year. This estimate is based on the approximately 10,000 current drilling national guard and 7 reserve units headquartered within the state as well as estimates of former members who would qualify under the new definition. 10,000 additional applicants would result in up to an additional 2,500 man hours of eligibility verification tasks (The Verification process for Veteran Identifier eligibility request takes approximately 15 minutes for staff to complete). An increase of this magnitude would result in over two-month long delays in the verification process until the initial increase in applications is processed. After an initial period of delays it is expected that application rates would return to a level that would be manageable in the ordinary operations of the department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications