



2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 351

April 24, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, BOYLE, RYBA and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.485 (2) (eg) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to World War
2 II veterans and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the department of veterans affairs (DVA) to award a grant of \$500 to each World War II veteran who meets all of the following requirements:

1. The veteran served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces during World War II. Current law defines World War II as the war period from August 27, 1940, to July 25, 1947.

2. The veteran is a resident of this state, has been a resident of this state for any consecutive five-year period, or was a resident of this state at the time of his or her entry or reentry into service in the U.S. armed forces.

3. The veteran applies for the grant on an application developed by DVA.

Under the bill, an eligible veteran may only receive one grant.

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

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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20.485 Veterans affairs, department of

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(2) LOANS AND AIDS TO VETERANS

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(eg) Grants to World War II veterans GPR A -0- -0-

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SECTION 2. 20.485 (2) (eg) of the statutes is created to read:

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20.485 (2) (eg) *Grants to World War II veterans.* From the general fund, the

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amounts in the schedule for grants to veterans of World War II under 2001 Wisconsin

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Act (this act), section 3.

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SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

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(1) GRANTS TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS.

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(a) *Definition.* In this subsection, "World War II veteran" means an individual

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who served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces

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during the World War II war period designated under section 45.35 (5) (e) 6. of the

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statutes.

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(b) *Grants.* From the appropriation account under section 20.485 (2) (eg) of the

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statutes, as created by 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), the department of veterans

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affairs shall provide a grant of \$500 to each World War II veteran who meets the

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eligibility requirements under par. (c).

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(c) *Eligibility requirements.* A World War II veteran is eligible for a grant under

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this subsection if the veteran meets all of the following requirements:

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1. The veteran meets one of the following requirements:

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a. The veteran is a resident of this state.

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b. The veteran has been a resident of this state for any consecutive 5-year

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period following his or her entry or reentry into service.

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1 c. The veteran was a resident of this state at the time of his or her entry or
2 reentry into service.

3 2. The veteran applies for a grant under this subsection on an application that
4 is developed by the department of veterans affairs.

5 3. The veteran has not received a grant under this subsection.

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