



2019 SENATE BILL 87

March 7, 2019 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE, MARKLEIN, OLSEN and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives PETRYK, KULP, TUSLER, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, CROWLEY, EDMING, HORLACHER, KERKMAN, KUGLITSCH, MURPHY, MURSAU, RAMTHUN, SKOWRONSKI, SORTWELL, C. TAYLOR, TITTL, VANDERMEER and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT to amend** 343.14 (2) (j); and **to create** 343.01 (2) (j) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** indication of veteran status on an operator's license or
3 identification card.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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 in the U.S. armed forces.

This bill creates a definition of "veteran" that includes any current or former member of the U.S. armed forces, a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, or the national guard for the purpose of enabling such a person to indicate on his or her operator's license or identification card that he or she is a veteran.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 343.01 (2) (j) of the statutes is created to read:
5 343.01 (2) (j) "Veteran," for purposes of ss. 343.14 and 343.17 only, means all
6 of the following:

SENATE BILL 87**SECTION 1**

1 1. A current member of the U.S. armed forces, a reserve unit of the U.S. armed
2 forces, or the national guard.

3 2. A former member of the U.S. armed forces, a reserve unit of the U.S. armed
4 forces, or the national guard who received a discharge other than dishonorable.

5 **SECTION 2.** 343.14 (2) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 343.14 (2) (j) A statement as to whether the applicant is a veteran, as defined
7 ~~in s. 45.01 (12)~~, and, if so, whether the applicant wishes to have his or her veteran
8 status indicated on the license or identification card. If the applicant has indicated
9 that he or she is a veteran and wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on
10 the license or identification card, the applicant shall provide verification from the
11 department of veterans affairs or a county veterans service officer that the applicant
12 is a veteran or verification of service in the national guard or a reserve unit of the U.S.
13 armed forces.

14 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) This act first applies to applications that are received by the department of
16 transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

17 (END)