## Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

| ☑ Original ☐ Updated   | Corrected  | Supplem   | ental    |  |
|--|--|---|----------|--|
| LRB Number 17-3620/2   | Introduction Numb  | er <b>SB-327</b>  |          |  |
| Description marriage between persons of the same sex and extending parentage rights to married couples of the same sex |  |   |          |  |
| Fiscal Effect  |  |   |          |  |
| Appropriations Reve  | rease Existing to absenues   | se Costs - May b<br>orb within agency<br>Yes<br>ase Costs |          |  |
| Permissive Mandatory Perm<br>2. Decrease Costs 4. Decr   | Affecte  inissive Mandatory  rease Revenue  nissive Mandatory  Sci | ment Units  |          |  |
| Fund Sources Affected  | Affected Ch.   | . 20 Appropriatio   | ons      |  |
| ☐ GPR ☐ FED ☒ PRO ☐ PRS ☒  | SEG SEGS 20.485 (1)(g  | (), (2)(s)(u)(tf)   |          |  |
| Agency/Prepared By   | Authorized Signature   |   | Date     |  |
| DVA/ Brett Coomber (608) 267-1785  | James Parker (608) 266-1843  |   | 7/7/2017 |  |

## Fiscal Estimate Narratives DVA 7/7/2017

| LRB Number 17-3620/2  | Introduction Number SB-327 | Estimate Type Origin | al |  |  |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|----|--|--|
| Description   |                            |                      |    |  |  |
| marriage between persons of the same sex and extending parentage rights to married couples of the |                            |                      |    |  |  |
| same sex  |                            |                      |    |  |  |

## Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

It is difficult to determine the number of veterans that would qualify for WDVA services under this bill. The national estimate for the percentage of the US population that is LGBT is 3.5 percent. Using this percentage times 990 (the number of beds at King, Union Grove and Chippewa Falls) the Department estimates that approximately thirty-five (35) veterans spouses may be eligible for WDVA services through this bill. Due to the increase in eligible spouses, there could be additional costs for food, therapy and medicine. There could also be services rendered for burial and subsistence grants to family members. Based on average estimates from the homes (eight dollars per meal, twenty dollars per day for therapy and fifty dollars per day for medicine) the additional cost to the Department for food would be \$306,600 (3x8X35x365 = \$306,600). The additional cost for therapy services would be \$255,500 (20x35x365 = \$255,500). The additional cost for medicine would be \$638,750 (50x35x365 = \$638,750) for a total cost of \$1,200,850. The Department's estimated increase of thirty-five eligible spouses would generate an estimated additional \$3,283,175 in revenue.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**