

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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LRB Number 17-4219/1	Introduction Number SB-431
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Description
 hunting, trapping, and fishing approvals issued to recipients of a medal awarded by the U.S. armed forces that is equal to or higher than the Purple Heart medal in order of precedence and maintenance of a list of such medals by the Department of Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes
 - No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires the Department to extend hunting, trapping and fishing approval fee discounts to those who provide proof they are a recipient of a medal awarded by the U.S. armed forces that is equal or higher than the Purple Heart medal in order of precedence. Under current law, the department must treat a nonresident who exhibits proof they are a Purple Heart medal recipient as resident for purposes of determining eligibility for and cost of obtaining hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses. This bill expands that treatment to those who exhibit proof they have been awarded a medal equal to or higher than a Purple Heart medal in order of precedence. Also under current law, the Department must issue a Conservation Patron license at a reduced fee to a resident or nonresident who provides proof they are a Purple Heart medal recipient. This bill expands that treatment to those who provide proof they have been awarded a medal equal to or higher than a Purple Heart medal in order of precedence.

In addition, the bill:

- a. defines an "armed forces medal" as a Purple Heart medal or other medal awarded by the U.S. armed forces that is equal to or higher than the Purple Heart medal in order of precedence.
- b. requires the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs to maintain, update, and post on the internet, a list of armed forces medals that are higher in order of precedence than a Purple Heart medal.
- c. provides that a county veteran service officer (CVSO) may verify a veteran is an armed forces medal recipient.

The Department would modify the automated license issuance system to expand the use of the "Purple Heart Indicator" so that it could be used to denote the department has received proof from a CVSO that a veteran has received a medal higher than a Purple Heart medal in order of precedence and is therefore eligible for the reduced license fees.

I. The Department would incur one-time costs to train staff and license agents, update web pages, modify the automated license issuance system to offer the reduced license fees to those who provide proof of having received an armed forces medal, and program development with the Wisconsin County Veteran Service Officers Association.

A. Training of Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) and license agents: [10 hrs. training development * \$50/hr. (average policy advisor rate plus applicable fringe)] + [2 hour * 100 CSRs * \$24/hr. (average Customer Service Representative rate plus applicable fringe)] = \$5,300

B. Web page: 10 hrs. development * \$50/hr. (average policy advisor rate plus applicable fringe) = \$500

C. Automated license issuance system modifications: 40 hrs. * \$50/ hr. (average business analyst rate plus applicable fringe) = \$2,000

D. Program development with leadership from the Wisconsin County Veteran Services Officers Association, to include development of program policy, communication plan, verification form and training materials and delivery of training to CVSOs at their annual conference: \$17,500 + \$488 = \$17,988

a. 350 staff hours * \$50/hr (average policy advisor rate plus applicable fringe) = \$17,500

b. Travel and training of CVSOs: [250 miles * \$0.352/mi] + [8 hrs * \$50/hr (average policy advisor rate plus applicable fringe)] = \$488

Total one-time costs = \$25,800 first year of implementation (\$5,300 + \$500 + \$2,000 + \$18,000)

II. Revenue

License revenue would decrease by \$435 for each qualifying nonresident veteran who purchased a Conservation Patron license for the discounted \$160.25 fee rather than the non-discounted nonresident

fee of \$595.25. In addition, license revenue would decrease by \$151 for each qualifying resident veteran who purchased a Conservation Patron license at the discounted \$9.25 fee rather than the non-discounted resident fee of \$160.25.

It is difficult to estimate the number and types of individual hunting, trapping and fishing licenses that would be sold due to the license fee discounts provided by this bill. Estimates are made difficult in that the Department is unable to identify the medal types that would qualify for the license discount or the number of recipients of those qualifying medals to Wisconsin residents and residents of other states. Therefore, the revenue impact to the proposed bill is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Ongoing revenue impacts are indeterminate.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2017 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): \$25,800 in one-time implementation costs		
II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs	
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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