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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2011 SENATE BILL 312**

January 9, 2012 - Offered by Senator TAYLOR.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 230.16 (7) (a); **to amend** 230.03 (14) (intro.) and 230.16 (7)
2 (b); and **to create** 230.16 (7) (ag) of the statutes; **relating to:** preference points
3 for certain veterans and for reserve or national guard members.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under the state civil service system, veterans are eligible to receive additional points on civil service examinations to qualify for appointment to state positions. Under current law, in order to qualify for veterans preference points on civil service examinations, a person must have served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces and must meet one of the following conditions:

1. Received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal established by executive order 10977 on December 4, 1961, the Vietnam Service Medal established by executive order 11231 on July 8, 1965, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, or the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

2. Served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces in a crisis zone.

3. Served in the U.S. armed forces for at least one day during a war period or under section 1 of executive order 10957, dated August 10, 1961.

4. Served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces for two continuous years or more or the full period of the person's initial service obligation, whichever is less.

A person discharged from the U.S. armed forces for reasons of hardship or a service-connected disability or a person released due to a reduction in the U.S. armed forces prior to the completion of the required period of service is considered a veteran for purposes of veterans preference points regardless of the actual time served.

This substitute amendment extends eligibility for preference points to a member of a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces or of the national guard who has served under honorable conditions for at least two continuous years from the date of enlistment or to a person who was discharged from a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces or from the national guard, if that discharge was an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 230.03 (14) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 230.03 (14) (intro.) Except as provided in s. 230.16 (7) or (7m), veteran means
3 any of the following:

4 **SECTION 2.** 230.16 (7) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 230.16 (7) (ar).

5 **SECTION 3.** 230.16 (7) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:

6 230.16 (7) (ag) In this subsection, “veteran” has the meaning given in s. 230.03
7 (14), and also means any of the following:

8 1. A member of a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces or of the national
9 guard, as defined in 32 USC 101 (3), who has served under honorable conditions for
10 at least 2 continuous years beginning on the member’s date of enlistment in a reserve
11 component of the U.S. armed forces or of the national guard.

12 2. A person who was discharged from a reserve component of the U.S. armed
13 forces or from the national guard, as defined in 32 USC 101 (3), if that discharge was
14 an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.

15 **SECTION 4.** 230.16 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

