



State of Wisconsin
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FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

VETERANS

This bill transfers some DVA appropriations that relate to the operation of veterans homes, to the care of veterans in veterans homes, and to other services provided to veterans from the general fund to the veterans trust fund. The bill also creates appropriations that allow the transfer of moneys for programs and aids related to veterans from other state agencies to DVA.

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

SECTION 1. 20.485 (1) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.485 (1) (title) VETERANS HOMES.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 20.485 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.485 (1) (b) *General fund supplement to institutional operations.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to supplement the appropriation under par. ~~(gk)~~ (r).

Moneys may not be released from this appropriation without the approval of the joint committee on finance.

SECTION 3. 20.485 (1) (gd) of the statutes is renumbered 20.485 (1) (rm) and amended to read:

20.485 (1) (rm) *Veterans home cemetery operations.* All From the veterans trust fund, all moneys received from the estate of the decedents under s. 45.61 (5) for the burial of veterans and ~~non-veterans~~ nonveterans in a Wisconsin veterans cemetery under s. 45.61 (1), to be used for that purpose.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 4. 20.485 (1) (gk) of the statutes is renumbered 20.485 (1) (r) and amended to read:

20.485 (1) (r) *Institutional operations.* The From the veterans trust fund, the amounts in the schedule for the care of the members of the Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50, for the operation of Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50, for the payment of stipends under s. 45.50 (2m) (f), for the transfer of moneys to the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (4) (ky) for payment of the state share of the medical assistance costs related to the provision of stipends under s. 45.50 (2m) (f), for the payment of assistance to indigent veterans under s. 45.43 to allow them to reside at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove, for the transfer of moneys to the appropriation account under par. (kg), and for the payment of grants under s. 45.82. Not more than 1 percent of the moneys credited to this appropriation account may be used for the payment of assistance to indigent veterans under s. 45.43. All moneys received under par. (m) and s. 45.51 (7) (b) and (8) and all moneys received

for the care of members under medical assistance, as defined in s. 49.43 (8), shall be credited to this appropriation account.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 5. 20.485 (1) (go) of the statutes is renumbered 20.485 (1) (rg) and amended to read:

20.485 (1) (rg) *Self-amortizing facilities; principal repayment and interest.*
From the veterans trust fund, from the moneys received for providing housing services at Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50 and the Northern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled, a sum sufficient to reimburse s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the principal and interest costs incurred in acquiring, constructing, developing, enlarging or improving facilities at Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50 and the Northern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled, to make the payments determined by the building commission under s. 13.488 (1) (m) that are attributable to the proceeds of obligations incurred in financing such facilities, and to make payments under an agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into under s. 18.06 (8) (a).

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 6. 20.485 (1) (kg) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.485 (1) (kg) *Grants to counties.* The amounts in the schedule for the payments of grants made under s. 45.82 (1) to (3). All moneys transferred from the appropriation account under par. ~~(gk)~~ (r) for this purpose shall be credited to this appropriation account.

SECTION 7. 20.485 (1) (kx) of the statutes is created to read:

20.485 (1) (kx) *Interagency and intra-agency programs.* All moneys received from other state agencies and all moneys received by the department from the department for the administration of programs or projects relating to veterans, for the purposes for which received.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 8. 20.485 (1) (ky) of the statutes is created to read:

20.485 (1) (ky) *Interagency and intra-agency aids.* All moneys received from other state agencies and all moneys received by the department from the department for aids to individuals and organizations relating to veterans, for the purposes for which received.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 9. 20.485 (1) (kz) of the statutes is created to read:

20.485 (1) (kz) *Interagency and intra-agency local assistance.* All moneys received from other state agencies and all moneys received by the department from the department for local assistance relating to veterans, for the purposes for which received.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 10. 20.485 (1) (m) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.485 (1) (m) *Federal aid; care at veterans homes.* All moneys received from the federal government for care of veterans of any war or military expedition of the United States who have been admitted to and cared for at Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50. The net revenues accruing under this paragraph shall be credited to the appropriation under par. (gk) (r).

SECTION 11. 20.866 (1) (u) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.866 (1) (u) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient from moneys appropriated under sub. (2) (zp) and ss. 20.115 (2) (d) and (7) (b) and (s), 20.190 (1) (c), (d), (i), and (j), 20.225 (1) (c) and (i), 20.245 (1) (e) and (j), 20.250 (1) (c) and (e), 20.255 (1) (d), 20.285 (1) (d), (je), and (gj), 20.320 (1) (c) and (t) and (2) (c), 20.370 (7) (aa), (ac), (ag), (aq), (ar), (at), (au), (bq), (br), (cb), (cc), (cd), (cg), (cq), (cr), (cs), (ct), (ea), (eq), and (er), 20.395 (6) (af), (aq), (ar), and (au), 20.410 (1) (e), (ec), and (ko) and (3) (e), 20.435 (2) (ee), 20.465 (1) (d), 20.485 (1) (f) and ~~(gø)~~ (rg), (3) (t) and (4) (qm), 20.505 (4) (es), (et), (ha), and (hb) and (5) (c), (g), and (kc), 20.855 (8) (a), and 20.867 (1) (a) and (b) and (3) (a), (b), (bb), (bc), (bd), (be), (bf), (bg), (bh), (bi), (bj), ~~(bk)~~, (bm), (bn), (bp), (bq), (br), (bu), (bv), (g), (h), (i), (kd), and (q) for the payment of principal, interest, premium due, if any, and payment due, if any, under an agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into under s. 18.06 (8) (a) relating to any public debt contracted under subchs. I and IV of ch. 18.

SECTION 12. 20.867 (3) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.867 (3) (h) *Principal repayment, interest, and rebates.* A sum sufficient to guarantee full payment of principal and interest costs for self-amortizing or partially self-amortizing facilities enumerated under ss. 20.190 (1) (j), 20.245 (1) (j), 20.285 (1) (gj) and (je), 20.370 (7) (eq), 20.485 (1) ~~(gø)~~ (rg), and 20.867 (3) (kd) if moneys available in those appropriations are insufficient to make full payment, to make full payment of the amounts determined by the building commission under s. 13.488 (1) (m) if the appropriation under s. 20.190 (1) (j), 20.245 (1) (j), 20.285 (1) (gj) and (je), 20.485 (1) (g), or 20.867 (3) (kd) is insufficient to make full payment of those amounts, and to make payments under an agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into under s. 18.06 (8) (a). All amounts advanced under the authority of this paragraph shall be repaid to the general fund whenever the balance of the

appropriation for which the advance was made is sufficient to meet any portion of the amount advanced. The department of administration may take whatever action is deemed necessary including the making of transfers from program revenue appropriations and corresponding appropriations from program receipts in segregated funds and including actions to enforce contractual obligations that will result in additional program revenue for the state, to ensure recovery of the amounts advanced.

SECTION 13. 25.36 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

25.36 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), all moneys appropriated or transferred by law shall constitute the veterans trust fund which shall be used for the lending of money to the mortgage loan repayment fund under s. 45.37 (5) (a) 12. and for the veterans operations and programs under ss. 20.485 (1) (r), (rg), and (rm), (2) (m), (tm), (u), (vy), (w), and (z), and (5) (mn), (v), (vo), and (zm), 45.03 (19), 45.07, 45.20, 45.21, 45.40 (1m), 45.41, 45.42, 45.43, and 45.82 and administered by the department of veterans affairs, including all moneys received from the federal government for the benefit of veterans or their dependents; all moneys paid as interest on and repayment of loans under the post-war rehabilitation fund; soldiers rehabilitation fund, veterans housing funds as they existed prior to July 1, 1961; all moneys paid as interest on and repayment of loans under this fund; all moneys paid as expenses for, interest on, and repayment of veterans trust fund stabilization loans under s. 45.356, 1995 stats.; all moneys paid as expenses for, interest on, and repayment of veterans personal loans; the net proceeds from the sale of mortgaged properties related to veterans personal loans; all mortgages issued with the proceeds of the 1981 veterans home loan revenue bond issuance purchased with moneys in the veterans trust fund; all moneys received from the state investment board under s.

45.42 (8) (b); all moneys received from the veterans mortgage loan repayment fund under s. 45.37 (7) (a) and (c); all moneys received under ss. 20.485 (1) (m) and 45.51 (7) (b) and (8); all moneys received for the care of members under medical assistance, as defined in s. 49.43 (8); all moneys received from the estate of the decedents under s. 45.61 (5) for the burial of veterans and nonveterans in Wisconsin veterans cemeteries under s. 45.61 (1); all moneys received for providing housing services at Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50 and the Northern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled; and all gifts of money received by the board of veterans affairs for the purposes of this fund.

***NOTE: I am not at all sure that you want all these “revenues” included. Please review carefully.

SECTION 14. 45.50 (2m) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.50 **(2m)** (e) All moneys received as reimbursement for services to veterans homes employees or as payment for meals served to guests at veterans homes shall be accumulated in an account named “employee maintenance credits” and shall be paid into the general fund within one week after receipt and credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.485 (1) ~~(gk)~~ (r). This paragraph does not apply to any agreement entered into pursuant to par. (c).

SECTION 15. 45.61 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.61 **(3)** FEES AND COSTS. The department may charge a fee for burials under this section and may promulgate rules for the assessment of any fee. The cost of preparing the grave and the erection of a marker for a person described under sub. (2) (a), (b), (d), or (e) shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.485 (1) ~~(gk)~~ (r).

SECTION 16. 45.61 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.61 (5) (a) Expenses incident to the burial under this section of persons described in sub. (2) (a) and (b) to (e) shall be paid from the estate of the decedent, except that if there is no estate or the estate is insufficient, the expense of burial, or necessary part of the burial, shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.485 (1) (~~gk~~) (r) for members of veterans homes, and the amount expended for those expenses shall not exceed the amount established for funeral and burial expenses under s. 49.785 (1) (b).

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