



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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**2005 Wisconsin Act 37**  
[2005 Senate Bill 193]

**Gulf War Illnesses Recognition Day**

2005 Wisconsin Act 37 requires the Governor to annually proclaim January 17 as Gulf War Illnesses Recognition Day, as a public expression in recognition of the members of the U.S. Armed Forces who develop illnesses from exposure to Gulf War-related risk-substances. The Governor must include in the proclamation “a request that part of the day be used for quiet contemplation to honor those brave members of the U.S. armed forces who suffer illnesses as the result of their patriotic service to our nation.”

*Effective Date:* The Act takes effect on September 1, 2005.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.