



# Tony Evers

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 707 in its entirety.

The bill would change the definition of veteran in state employment relations statutes to include a person who was discharged from the military under other than honorable conditions for having not received a COVID-19 vaccine.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to expanding this definition to reward individuals that refused to follow an order. The U.S. Armed services make the determinations regarding what constitutes an honorable discharge and what does not. The military also directs countless requirements to ensure an equipped and prepared military, including numerous vaccine requirements. State law is currently clear—veteran status is extended under our state employment relations statutes to those honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers  
Governor