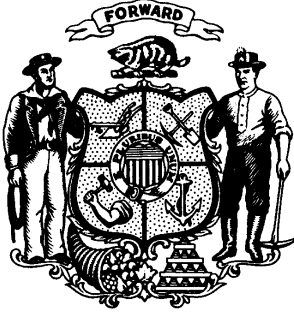


State of Wisconsin



2025 Assembly Bill 597

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2025 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT to create 45.49 of the statutes; **relating to:** a state matching grant program for recipients of federal per diem payments.

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

SECTION 1. 45.49 of the statutes is created to read:

45.49 State matching grants for recipients of federal per diem payments. (1) **DEFINITION.** In this section, "eligible entity" means an eligible entity under 38 USC 2011 (d) other than the state that, on the date of application under this section, has been awarded per diem payments under 38 USC 2012 (a) for the upcoming fiscal year.

(2) **MATCHING PER DIEM PAYMENTS.** (a) The department may award state matching grants to eligible entities, in the order in which the applications are received, for services that qualify for federal per diem payments under 38 USC 2012.

(b) The department shall take applications for grants under this section on an annual basis, and may approve grants of up to \$25 per day per veteran that the eligible entity is capable of housing, for up to 365 days per year.

(c) The department shall pay grants awarded to eligible entities under par. (b) on a quarterly basis in an amount calculated based on the cost incurred per day per veteran housed by the eligible entity in the previous quarter. The grant amount to be paid under this paragraph shall be the highest amount possible that will not reduce the full federal per diem amount that the eligible entity is entitled to receive, based on the entity's per day per veteran cost of care, up to \$25 per day per veteran.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."