

# State of Wisconsin



2025 Assembly Bill 659

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## 2025 WISCONSIN ACT

**AN ACT** to amend 36.27 (2) (b) 4., 36.27 (3n) (a) 1m. a., 36.27 (3n) (a) 1m. b., 36.27 (3n) (bd), 36.27 (3p) (a) 1r. (intro.), 38.24 (7) (a) 1m. a., 38.24 (7) (a) 1m. b., 38.24 (7) (bd), 38.24 (8) (a) 1r. (intro.) and 39.49 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** tuition and fee remission or grants for certain veterans and their dependents enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System, a technical college, or a private nonprofit institution of higher education; and the University of Wisconsin System nonresident tuition exemption for certain veterans.

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

**SECTION 1.** 36.27 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (2) (b) 4. A person who ~~was a resident of this state at the time of entry into active duty, who~~ is a resident of and living in this state at the time of registering at an institution; and who is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12), is entitled to the exemption under par. (a).

**SECTION 2.** 36.27 (3n) (a) 1m. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (3n) (a) 1m. a. A person who has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces, in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces, in the national guard, or in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces; who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into that service or resided in this state for at least ~~5~~ 3 consecutive years after the person attained the age of 18; and who, while a resident of this state, died on active duty, died as the result of a service-connected disability, or died in the line of duty while on active or inactive duty for training purposes.

**SECTION 3.** 36.27 (3n) (a) 1m. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (3n) (a) 1m. b. A person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into service described in subd. 1m. a. or resided in this state for at least ~~5~~ 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the person's spouse or child described in par. (b) 1., 2., or 3. registers at an institution, and who the U.S. department of veteran affairs has awarded at least a 30 percent service-connected disability rating under 38 USC 1114 or 1134.

**SECTION 4.** 36.27 (3n) (bd) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (3n) (bd) If an eligible veteran was not a resident of this state at the time of entry into service described in par. (a) 1m. a., the board may grant a remission of academic fees and segregated fees under this subsection only if the eligible veteran's spouse or child described in par. (b) 1., 2., or 3. has resided in this state for at least ~~5~~ 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the spouse's or child's enrollment in an institution.

**SECTION 5.** 36.27 (3p) (a) 1r. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (3p) (a) 1r. (intro.) "Veteran" means a person who is verified by the department of veterans affairs as being a resident of this state for purposes of receiving

\* 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."

benefits under ch. 45; as being a resident of this state at the time of his or her entry into the U.S. armed forces or forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces or as being a resident of this state for at least ~~5~~ 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the person registers at an institution; and as meeting any of the following conditions:

**SECTION 6.** 38.24 (7) (a) 1m. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

38.24 (7) (a) 1m. a. A person who has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces, in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces, in the national guard, or in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces; who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into that service or resided in this state for at least ~~5~~ 3 consecutive years after the person attained the age of 18; and who, while a resident of this state, died on active duty, died as the result of a service-connected disability, or died in the line of duty while on active or inactive duty for training purposes.

**SECTION 7.** 38.24 (7) (a) 1m. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

38.24 (7) (a) 1m. b. A person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into service described in subd. 1m. a. or resided in this state for at least ~~5~~ 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the person's spouse or child described in par. (b) 1., 2., or 3. registers at a technical college, and who the U.S. department of veteran affairs has awarded at least a 30 percent service-connected disability rating under 38 USC 1114 or 1134.

**SECTION 8.** 38.24 (7) (bd) of the statutes is amended to read:

38.24 (7) (bd) If an eligible veteran was not a resident of this state at the time of entry into service described in par. (a) 1m. a., the district board may grant a remission of academic fees and segregated fees under this subsection only if the eligible veteran's spouse or child described in par. (b) 1., 2., or 3. has resided in this state for at least ~~5~~ 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the spouse's or child's enrollment in a technical college.

**SECTION 9.** 38.24 (8) (a) 1r. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

38.24 (8) (a) 1r. (intro.) "Veteran" means a person who is verified by the department of veterans affairs as being a resident of this state for purposes of receiving benefits under ch. 45; as being a resident of this state at the time of his or her entry into the U.S. armed forces or forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces or as being a resident of this state for at least ~~5~~ 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the person registers at a technical college; and as meeting any of the following conditions:

**SECTION 10.** 39.49 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

39.49 (2) (a) 2. If a deceased veteran was not a resident of this state at the time of entry into service, the board may not make a grant under subd. 1. for an eligible student who is a dependent of the deceased veteran unless the dependent has resided in this state for at least ~~5~~ 3 consecutive years immediately preceding his or her enrollment in a private institution.

**SECTION 11. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies to the first semester or session beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

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