

State of Wisconsin



2021 Assembly Bill 154

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT 31

AN ACT *to create* 14.16 (17) of the statutes; **relating to:** creating Hmong–Lao Veterans Day.

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

SECTION 1. 14.16 (17) of the statutes is created to read:

14.16 (17) **HMONG–LAO VETERANS DAY.** To recognize Southeast Asians, Americans, and their allies who served, suffered, sacrificed, or died in the Secret War in Laos during the Vietnam War in the years 1961 to 1975 in support of the armed forces of the United States and in recognition of May 14, 1975, as the last day of airlift evacuation of officers and their families from the covert

headquarters in Long Tieng, Laos, to the Nam Phong refugee camp in Thailand, May 14 is designated as the “Hmong–Lao Veterans Day.” The governor shall issue annually a suitable proclamation for the observance of “Hmong–Lao Veterans Day,” ordering the flags at the state capitol building to be flown at half–staff, requesting that some portion of the day be used to recall the veterans’ accomplishments and to thank those veterans for their service during that war, and encouraging schools to discuss Hmong military service in support of the armed forces of the United States.

* 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.”