



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1168/P1

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DOA:.....Stinebrink, BB0218 - Veterans' mental health services

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

VETERANS

Veterans' mental health services

This bill requires DVA to promote and assist veterans' access to, and provide grants to organizations that provide to veterans, community-based and emergency crisis mental health services. The bill gives DVA authority to promulgate emergency rules to administer the requirements of the bill.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 20.485 (2) (qw) of the statutes is created to read:

20.485 (2) (qw) *Veterans mental health services.* Biennially, from the veterans trust fund, the amounts in the schedule for the promotion and assistance of access to, and grants for, veterans' mental health services under s. 45.49.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 45.49 of the statutes is created to read:

45.49 Veterans mental health grant program. (1) The department shall promote and assist veterans' access to, and provide grants to organizations that provide to veterans, community-based and emergency crisis mental health services.

(2) The department may promulgate emergency rules under s. 227.24 as

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necessary to administer this section. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

(END)