2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 591

November 7, 2019 – Introduced by Representatives KURTZ, ANDERSON, MAGNAFICI, TUSLER, VRUWINK, BOWEN, HORLACHER, DOYLE, NOVAK and CROWLEY, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE, RINGHAND, WIRCH and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1   AN ACT *to amend* 45.41 (2) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** payments to certain

2   state veterans organizations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Veterans Affairs may make payments to certain state veterans organizations who apply for funding. The amount payable is equal to 50 percent of all salaries and travel expenses of the employees of the organization who are engaged in veterans claims service activities during the funding application period or $100,000, whichever is less. Under this bill, the funding limit is increased from $100,000 to $175,000.

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:

3   **SECTION 1.** 45.41 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

4   45.41 **(2)** (am) Upon application the department may make a payment to any

5   state veterans organization that establishes that it, or its national organization, or

6   both, has maintained a full–time service office at the regional office for 5 consecutive

1   years out of the 10-year period immediately preceding the application. Any payment

2   shall be calculated based on the total amount of all salaries and travel expenses

3   under sub. (3) paid during the previous fiscal year by the state veterans organization

4   to employees engaged in veterans claims service and stationed at the regional office.

5   The department shall pay an amount equal to 50 percent of all salaries and travel

6   expenses under sub. (3) or ~~$100,000~~ $175,000, whichever is less, to a recipient under

7   this paragraph.

8   **(END)**