

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 45.375 (title) and 45.385 (title), (1) (title) and (2) (title); *to*
 2 *renumber* 45.38; *to renumber and amend* 45.365, 45.37 (title), 45.37 (1) to (14),
 3 45.37 (17) and (18) and 45.385 (1) and (2); *to consolidate, renumber and amend*
 4 45.375 (1) and (2); and *to create* 45.001 (4m) of the statutes; **relating to:** care and
 5 treatment facilities for veterans.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** 45.001 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

7 45.001 (**4m**) “Veterans home” means the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove,
 8 the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, and the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls.

9 **SECTION 2.** 45.365 of the statutes is renumbered 45.50 and amended to read:

10 **45.50 Wisconsin Veterans Home at King and southeastern facility Veterans**
 11 **homes; management.** (1) (a) ~~In this section and s. 45.37:~~

12 ~~2. “Home” means the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.~~

13 ~~3. “Southeastern facility” means any of the residential, treatment or nursing care~~
 14 ~~facilities operated by the department in southeastern Wisconsin under s. 45.385.~~

15 The department shall operate the ~~home~~ Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, and employ
 16 a commandant ~~and the officers, nurses, attendants, and other personnel necessary for the~~
 17 ~~proper conduct of the home.~~ The department may employ a commandant for the ~~southeastern~~
 18 ~~facility~~ Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove or the Wisconsin Veterans Home at
 19 ~~Chippewa Falls.~~ The department may employ any personnel that are necessary for the proper
 20 management and operation of veterans homes. In compliance with the compensation plan

1 established pursuant to s. 230.12 (3), a commandant may recommend to the director of
2 personnel charges for meals, living quarters, laundry, and other services furnished to
3 employees and members of the employees' family maintained at ~~the home and the~~
4 ~~southeastern facility~~ veterans homes. Complete personal maintenance and medical care to
5 include programs and facilities that promote comfort, recreation, well-being, or rehabilitation
6 shall be furnished to all members of ~~the home~~ veterans homes under the policy of the
7 department.

8 (b) All money received in reimbursement for services to ~~home or southeastern facility~~
9 veterans homes employees ~~under par. (a)~~ or in payment for meals served to guests at ~~the home~~
10 ~~or southeastern facility~~ veterans homes shall be accumulated in an account named "employee
11 maintenance credits" and shall be paid into the general fund within one week after receipt and
12 credited to the appropriation under s. 20.485 (1) (gk).

13 (d) ~~(c)~~ The home and southeastern facility Veterans homes with a skilled nursing facility
14 shall include a geriatric evaluation, research and education program. The program staff shall
15 be funded from the appropriations under s. 20.485 (1) (hm), (j) and (mj).

COMMENT: Subsection (2) of the new s. 45.50, stats., is in SECTION 10 on
page 14 of this draft.

16 ~~(2)~~ (3) The department may acquire, by gift, purchase, or condemnation, lands
17 necessary for the purposes of ~~the home~~ veterans homes. Title ~~thereto~~ to the lands shall be taken
18 in the name of this state and shall be held by and for the uses and purposes of ~~said home so~~
19 ~~long as used for the present objects and purposes thereof~~ the homes. No payment shall may
20 be made out of the state treasury or otherwise for ~~any such~~ the land until the title has been
21 examined and approved by the attorney general. Every such deed of conveyance shall be

1 immediately recorded in the office of the proper register of deeds and thereafter filed with the
2 secretary of state.

3 ~~(2a)~~ **(4)** The department may use moneys appropriated pursuant to under s. 20.485 (1)
4 (h) to purchase, erect, construct, or remodel buildings, and to provide additions and
5 improvements thereto, and to provide equipment therefor and to provide, materials, supplies,
6 and services necessary for the purposes of ~~the home and southeastern facilities~~ veterans
7 homes, and for such expenses as may be that are necessary and incidental to acquisition of
8 property pursuant to s. ~~45.37 (10) and (11)~~ 45.51 (12) and (13).

9 ~~(2b)~~ **(5)** The department may accept gifts, bequests, grants or donations of money or
10 of property from private sources to be administered by the department for the purposes of the
11 ~~home and southeastern facility~~ veterans homes. All moneys so received shall be paid into the
12 general fund and are appropriated ~~therefrom~~ as provided in s. 20.485 (1) (h), except that gifts
13 or grants received specifically for the purposes of the geriatric program at ~~the home and~~
14 ~~southeastern facility~~ veterans homes are appropriated as provided in s. 20.485 (1) (hm). The
15 department ~~shall~~ may not apply to the gifts and bequests fund interest on certificate of savings
16 deposits for those members who do not receive maximum monthly retained income. The
17 department shall establish for such those persons upon their request individual accounts with
18 savings and interest applied pursuant to such the member requests.

19 ~~(2m)~~ **(6)** (a) The department may enter into agreements for furnishing and charging for
20 water and sewer service from facilities constructed at and for ~~the home~~ veterans homes to
21 public and private properties lying in the immediate vicinity of ~~the home~~ veterans homes.

22 (b) Agreements under this section shall be drafted to hold harmless the department, to
23 require all expense thereof to be paid by the applicant, and to be terminable by the department
24 when other water and sewer services become available to the applicant.

1 ~~(3)~~ (7) A commandant and employees designated by the commandant may summarily
2 arrest all persons within or upon the grounds of ~~the home or southeastern facility~~ veterans
3 homes who are guilty of any offense against the laws of this state or the rules ~~and regulations~~
4 governing ~~the home or southeastern facility~~ veterans homes. For this purpose, a commandant
5 and deputies have the power of constables.

6 ~~(5)~~ (8) ~~The~~ A fire department at ~~the home or southeastern facility~~ a veterans home in
7 response to emergency fire calls may make runs and render fire fighting service beyond the
8 confines of ~~the home or southeastern facility~~ a veterans home.

9 ~~(6)~~ ~~The home and the nursing care facility within the southeastern facility~~ are subject
10 to ~~ch. 150~~.

11 ~~(7)~~ (9) The department may develop a program to provide stipends to individuals to
12 attend school and receive the necessary credentials to become employed at ~~the home or the~~
13 ~~southeastern facility~~ veterans homes. If the department ~~does develop~~ develops a stipend
14 program under this subsection, the department shall promulgate administrative rules related
15 to the program, including the application process, eligibility criteria, stipend amount,
16 repayment provisions, and other provisions that the department determines are necessary to
17 administer the program.

18 **SECTION 3.** 45.37 (title) of the statutes is renumbered 45.51 (title) and amended to read:

19 **45.51** (title) ~~Who are eligible to~~ Eligibility for membership.

20 **SECTION 4.** 45.37 (1) to (14) of the statutes are renumbered 45.51 (1) to (14) and
21 amended to read:

22 45.51 **(1)** GENERAL STATEMENT. Within the limitations of ~~the home and southeastern~~
23 ~~facility~~ veterans homes, the department may admit to membership in ~~the home and~~

1 ~~southeastern facility~~ veterans homes persons who meet the qualifications set forth in this
2 section.

3 ~~(1a) DEFINITION OF VETERAN~~ (2) ELIGIBILITY. Except as provided in sub. (15) (a) and
4 (b), in this section “veteran” has the meaning given For purposes of this subchapter, a person
5 is considered a veteran if he or she meets the definition in s. 45.001 (4) (a) or ~~means any person~~
6 ~~who~~ has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces
7 incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces for at least one day during a war period or under
8 section 1 of executive order 10957, dated August 10, 1961, and ~~who was~~ satisfies any of the
9 following:

10 (a) Was officially reported missing in action or killed in action or who died in service,
11 ~~or who was~~.

12 (b) Was discharged under honorable conditions after 90 days or more of active service,
13 or if having served less than 90 days was honorably discharged for a service-connected
14 disability or for a disability subsequently adjudicated to have been service connected, ~~or who~~
15 ~~died~~.

16 (c) Died as a result of a service-connected disability.

17 ~~(2)~~ (3) BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. A veteran may be admitted to ~~the home or~~
18 ~~southeastern facility~~ a veterans home if the veteran meets all of the following conditions:

19 (a) *Residence*. Was a resident of this state at the time of entering service with the armed
20 forces and is a resident of this state on the date of admission to ~~the~~ a veterans home ~~or~~
21 ~~southeastern facility~~.

22 (b) *Disability test*. Is permanently incapacitated due to physical disability or age from
23 ~~following~~ any substantially gainful occupation.

1 ~~(d)~~ (c) *Crimes*. Has not been convicted of a felony or of a crime involving moral
2 turpitude or, if so, has produced sufficient evidence of subsequent good conduct and
3 reformation of character as to be satisfactory to the department.

4 ~~(e)~~ (d) *Chronic ailments*. Is not a chronic alcoholic, drug addict, psychotic or active
5 tuberculosis case, unless the department determines that the veterans home is capable of
6 providing satisfactory care for the person.

7 ~~(f)~~ (e) *Financial information*. Provides a complete financial statement containing
8 information that the department determines is necessary to evaluate the financial
9 circumstances of the veteran and his or her spouse. The department may require a member
10 of the a veterans home ~~or southeastern facility~~ to provide the department with information
11 necessary for the department to determine the financial circumstances of the member and his
12 or her spouse. If a member fails to provide the additional information, the department may
13 discharge the member from the veterans home ~~or southeastern facility~~.

14 ~~(h)~~ (f) *Care needs*. Has care needs which the veterans home ~~or southeastern facility~~ is
15 able to provide within the resources allocated for the care of members of the ~~home or~~
16 ~~southeastern veterans~~ veterans facility.

17 ~~(3)~~ (4) EXCEPTIONS TO THE BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. A veteran who was not a
18 resident of this state at the time of enlistment or induction into service but who is otherwise
19 qualified for membership may be admitted if the veteran has been a resident of this state for
20 any consecutive 12-month period after enlistment or induction into service and before the date
21 of his or her application. ~~If a person applying for a benefit under this subchapter meets the~~
22 ~~residency requirement of 12 consecutive months, the department may not require the person~~
23 ~~to reestablish that he or she meets that residency requirement when he or she later applies for~~
24 ~~any other benefit under this chapter that requires residency.~~

1 ~~(4)~~ (5) ADMISSION PRIORITIES. (a) *Order of eligibility of veterans.* ~~Applications from~~
2 ~~veterans except~~ Except in cases where there is an immediate need for physical care or
3 economic assistance, ~~the department shall act on applications from veterans shall be passed~~
4 ~~upon in order of priority based upon the date of receipt of the application by the veterans home~~
5 ~~or southeastern facility.~~ Establishment The department may defer establishment of the
6 priority date of the application ~~may be deferred~~ to the date that the veterans home or
7 southeastern facility is able to verify its ability to provide appropriate care to the applicant or
8 to assure that the appropriate care setting is available within the home or southeastern facility.

9 (b) *Basis for eligibility of nonveterans.* Spouses, surviving spouses and parents derive
10 their eligibility from the eligibility of the veteran ~~upon whose service it is based.~~ Surviving
11 spouses and parents of eligible veterans ~~shall not be~~ are eligible for admission at a southeastern
12 facility only to a skilled nursing facility at a veterans home. ~~Surviving spouses and parents~~
13 ~~of eligible veterans shall not be eligible for admission at the home except for those admitted~~
14 ~~to the home prior to May 5, 1976, or unless the home's overall occupancy level is below an~~
15 ~~optimal level as determined by the board.~~

16 (c) *Order of priority.* ~~4m. 1.~~ 1. The order of priority for admission to the a veterans home
17 or southeastern facility shall be as follows:

18 a. Eligible veterans ~~shall~~ have 1st priority.

19 b. Spouses of eligible veterans ~~shall be given~~ have 2nd priority.

20 c. Surviving spouses of eligible veterans ~~shall be given~~ have 3rd priority for admission
21 ~~to the home.~~

22 d. Parents of eligible veterans ~~shall be given~~ have 4th priority for admission ~~to the home.~~

23 ~~5. 2.~~ 2. The department may deviate from this sequence upon order of the board in order
24 to prevent the separation of a ~~family unit~~ of husband and wife.

1 ~~(5)~~ (6) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF A SPOUSE OF A VETERAN. A spouse of
2 an eligible veteran is eligible only if the spouse meets the requirements of sub. ~~(2) (d) to (h)~~
3 (3) (c) to (f) and if:

4 (a) The veteran is a member, or if not a member is institutionalized elsewhere because
5 of physical or mental disability, and the spouse had lived with the veteran for not less than 6
6 months immediately before making application for membership.

7 (b) Separation from such the spouse necessitated by reason of employment,
8 hospitalization or because of a physical or mental disability of either spouse shall not be taken
9 to constitute an interruption of ~~such one-year~~ 6-month period.

10 (c) A spouse of an eligible veteran by virtue of a bona fide marriage ~~invalidly that was~~
11 void when entered into but validated ~~prior to application under s. 765.21 before applying~~ for
12 admission shall, for the purpose of this subsection and sub. (6), be considered married to such
13 the eligible veteran from the date ~~such invalid~~ the marriage was entered into.

14 ~~(6)~~ (7) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF A SURVIVING SPOUSE. The surviving
15 spouse of a veteran who was a resident of this state at the time of the veteran's death, is eligible
16 if the surviving spouse meets the requirements of sub. ~~(2) (d) to (h)~~ (3) (c) to (f) and if the
17 surviving spouse satisfies all of the following:

18 (a) 1. The surviving satisfies any of the following:

19 a. Was married to and living with the deceased veteran not less than 6 months
20 immediately prior to the death of the veteran, ~~or was~~.

21 b. Was married to the veteran at the time the veteran entered the service and was
22 widowed by the death of the veteran while in the service or as a result of physical disability
23 of the veteran incurred during such the service, ~~or the~~.

1 c. The period during which the surviving spouse was married to and lived with the
2 deceased veteran plus the period of widowhood is 6 months or more, or if the surviving spouse
3 was.

4 d. Was married to and living with the veteran less than 6 months and a child was born
5 of the marriage; and.

6 (b) Has not remarried; and.

7 (c) Is 45 years of age or over on the date of application; and.

8 (d) Is physically disabled; and.

9 (e) Is unable adequately to care for himself or herself and lacks adequate means of
10 support; and.

11 (f) Has been a resident of this state for the 12 months immediately preceding the date
12 of application for membership.

13 ~~(7)~~ **(8)** ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF PARENTS. The parent of a veteran who
14 was a resident of this state at the time of the veteran's death or, the parent of a living veteran
15 who is eligible for membership, is eligible if the parent meets the requirements of sub. ~~(2)~~ ~~(d)~~
16 ~~to~~ ~~(h)~~ (3) (c) to (f) and if the parent satisfies all of the following:

17 (a) Has reached 60 years of age; and.

18 (b) Has been a resident of this state for the 12-months preceding the date of application
19 for membership; and.

20 (c) Is physically disabled, unable adequately to care for himself or herself, and lacks
21 adequate means of support.

22 **(9)** MEMBER INCOME RETENTION AND PAYMENT. ~~(e)~~ (a) *Work therapy program*
23 *compensation.* The board shall establish a pay plan for compensation of members for services
24 rendered to ~~the a veterans home or southeastern facility~~ the a veterans home or southeastern facility under its work therapy program.

1 ~~(d)~~ (b) *Member payments.* Members shall pay the amount due the state for care and
2 maintenance of the member within 30 days after the receipt of the veterans home's or
3 ~~southeastern facility's~~ billing statement by the member or by the member's personal
4 representative. The department may subject any bill not paid within 30 days after receipt of
5 the billing statement to an interest assessment of 1% per month or fraction of a month. If
6 payment is not made within 60 days after the receipt of the billing statement, the department
7 may discharge the member from the veterans home or ~~southeastern facility~~.

8 ~~(e)~~ (c) *U.S. department of veterans affairs payments.* Payment of amounts due the state
9 for care and maintenance of a member shall be made to the fullest extent possible from sources
10 of income other than pension or compensation paid by the U.S. department of veterans affairs.

11 ~~(g)~~ (d) *Work therapy or hobby shop income.* A member is not required to use income
12 received from services rendered to the veterans home or ~~southeastern facility~~ under its work
13 therapy program or from the sale of products or services through the hobby shop as payment
14 for the care or maintenance of the member at the veterans home or ~~southeastern facility~~.

15 ~~(h)~~ ~~Home or southeastern facility~~ (e) *Veterans home exchange.* The department shall
16 supervise the operation of the ~~home or southeastern facility~~ a veterans home exchange,
17 including the operation of the hobby shop for the sale of products made by all members, ~~shall~~
18 ~~be conducted under the supervision of the department.~~

19 ~~(9e)~~ (10) *PERSONAL FUNDS OF MEMBER.* A member may, in writing, authorize the
20 veterans home or ~~southeastern facility~~ to receive, hold and account for his or her personal
21 funds. Section 49.498 (8) and the rules promulgated under that subsection apply to the funds
22 of a member held by the veterans home or ~~southeastern facility~~ under this subsection. The
23 department may transfer the personal funds of a member received under this subsection to the
24 Wisconsin veterans facilities members fund under s. 25.37. Upon request of the member, the

1 department shall pay to the member the amount of the member's personal funds requested by
2 the member requests from his or her personal account.

3 ~~(9d)~~ **(11)** MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS. All moneys received under ~~title XIX of the~~
4 Social Security Act medical assistance, as defined in s. 49.43 (8), for the care of members shall
5 be transferred to the appropriation under s. 20.485 (1) (gk).

6 ~~(10)~~ **(12)** CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY; DESCENT. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this
7 subsection, the application and admission of any applicant admitted under this section shall
8 constitute a valid and binding contract between a member and the department. If a member
9 dies leaving a relative that is entitled to an interest in the property of the member under the
10 rules of intestate succession or a will the existence of which is made known to the commandant
11 of the veterans home within 60 days of the member's death, the member's property shall
12 constitute a part of the member's estate, except that personal effects of nominal monetary
13 value of a deceased member who is not survived by a member spouse may be distributed by
14 the commandant of ~~the home or the southeastern facility~~ to surviving relatives of the member
15 who request the personal effects within a reasonable time after the member's death.

16 ~~(e)~~ **(b)** The department may manage, sell, lease, or transfer property descending to the
17 state pursuant to this section or conveyed to it by members, defend and prosecute all actions
18 concerning it, pay all just claims against it, and do all other things necessary for the protection,
19 preservation, and management of such the property. All expenditures necessary for the
20 execution of functions under this paragraph or sub. ~~(11)~~ **(13)** shall be made from the
21 appropriation in s. 20.485 (1) (h).

22 ~~(d)~~ **(c)** A person who at the time of death is a member of ~~the~~ a veterans home is a resident
23 of ~~Waupaca County~~ the county in which the home is located for the probate of the person's

1 will, issuance of letters testamentary or other letters authorizing the administration of the
2 decedent's estate, and the administration of the estate.

3 ~~(11)~~ **(13)** DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY DESCENDING TO STATE. If a member dies without a
4 relative ~~that~~ who is entitled to an interest in the property of the member under the rules of
5 intestate succession and without leaving a will the existence of which is made known to the
6 commandant of the home within 60 days of the member's death, the member's property shall
7 be converted to cash ~~and turned over by the,~~ without administration. ~~The~~ commandant of the
8 a veterans home shall submit that converted sum to the secretary of administration to be paid
9 into the appropriation under s. 20.485 (1) (h), ~~without administration.~~ The amount paid to the
10 secretary of administration is subject to refund within 6 years to the estate of a veteran if it is
11 subsequently discovered that the veteran left a will or a relative that is entitled to an interest
12 in the property of the member under the rules of intestate succession or to any creditor of the
13 veteran who establishes right to the ~~fund~~ funds or property or any portion ~~thereof~~ of the funds
14 or property. The department of administration, upon being satisfied that a claim out of ~~such~~
15 the funds or property is legal and valid, shall pay the ~~same~~ claim out of ~~such~~ the funds or
16 property, except that payment of claims for a member's funeral and burial expenses may not
17 exceed a total of \$1,500 including any amount allowed by the United States for the member's
18 funeral and burial and the right for burial and interment provided in ~~sub. (15)(a)~~ [_____].

COMMENT: Note the new reference to the department of administration,
rather than the department of veterans affairs. Is this change
appropriate?

19 ~~(12)~~ CERTIFICATES OF LIEN. ~~All certificates of lien filed prior to July 31, 1975 are void~~
20 ~~and shall be released by the department upon request without consideration.~~

21 **(14)** POWERS OF COMMANDANT OVER PERSONAL FUNDS OF MEMBERS. A commandant may
22 receive, disburse, and account for funds of members.

1 **SECTION 5.** 45.37 (17) and (18) of the statutes are renumbered 45.51 (15) and (16) and
2 amended to read:

3 45.51 **(15)** ~~ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.~~ Any person admitted to ~~the home~~
4 ~~or the nursing care facility operated by the department within the southeastern facility~~ a skilled
5 nursing facility at a veterans home shall meet ~~during residence at the home or at the nursing~~
6 ~~care facility operated by the department within the southeastern facility~~ the eligibility
7 requirements under ss. 49.45 and 49.46 and rules promulgated ~~thereunder~~ under those sections
8 during residence at the skilled nursing facility except that if any of the following apply:

9 (a) Persons with sufficient income and resources to meet the expenses of care for one
10 or more months may be admitted to ~~or remain in membership at the home or the nursing care~~
11 ~~facility operated by the department within the southeastern facility~~ the skilled nursing facility
12 but shall apply income and resources to costs to the extent required by ss. 49.45 and 49.46 and
13 rules promulgated ~~thereunder~~; or under those sections.

14 (b) Persons who meet all the requirements of this section but whose degree of physical
15 disability does not meet the minimum requirements in ss. 49.45 and 49.46 and rules
16 promulgated ~~thereunder~~ under those sections may be admitted to ~~or remain in membership at~~
17 ~~the home or the nursing care facility operated by the department within the southeastern~~
18 ~~facility~~ skilled nursing facility but shall apply income and resources to costs to the extent
19 required by ss. 49.45 and 49.46 and rules promulgated ~~thereunder~~ under those sections.

20 **(16)** ~~SOUTHEASTERN FACILITY ADDITIONAL~~ ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR
21 OTHER CARE FACILITIES AT VETERANS HOMES. An otherwise eligible person may be admitted to
22 or remain in residency at a ~~residential or treatment facility within the southeastern facility~~
23 community-based residential facility, as defined in s. 50.01 (1g) or a residential care
24 apartment complex, as defined in s. 50.01 (1d) at a veterans home only if the person has

1 sufficient income and resources, and applies the income and resources to fully reimburse the
2 department for the cost of providing care to the person. ~~This income and resource limit on~~
3 ~~eligibility does not apply to persons admitted to the nursing care facility operated by the~~
4 ~~department within the southeastern facility.~~

5 **SECTION 6.** 45.375 (title) of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 7.** 45.375 (1) and (2) of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 45.50 (10)
7 and amended to read:

8 45.50 (10) The department may establish a hospital at ~~the Wisconsin Veterans Home~~
9 ~~at King a veterans home.~~

10 ~~(2) A hospital~~ All hospitals established under sub. ~~(1) this subsection~~ may not have an
11 a total approved bed capacity, as defined in s. 150.01 (4m), greater than 16 beds. The approved
12 bed capacity of the ~~a nursing home licensed under s. 50.03 on July 1, 1995, and skilled nursing~~
13 ~~facility operated at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King a veterans home~~ is reduced by one
14 bed for each approved bed at the hospital established under sub. ~~(1) this subsection at that~~
15 home.

16 **SECTION 8.** 45.38 of the statutes is renumbered [_____].

COMMENT: The drafting subcommittee decided to move this section of the statutes to a new subchapter I, which will incorporate general powers and duties of the department of veterans affairs. Section 45.38, stats., relates to powers of the department of veterans affairs to provide structures, facilities, and permanent improvements.

17 **SECTION 9.** 45.385 (title), (1) (title) and (2) (title) of the statutes are repealed.

18 **SECTION 10.** 45.385 (1) and (2) of the statutes are renumbered 45.50 (2) (a) and (b) and
19 amended to read:

20 45.50 (2) (a) Subject to authorization under ss. 13.48 (10) and 20.924 (1), the
21 department may construct or renovate and operate residential, treatment, and nursing care

1 facilities in southeastern Wisconsin, including a community-based residential facility, to be
2 known as the ~~Southern Wisconsin Veterans Retirement Center~~ Wisconsin Veterans Home at
3 Union Grove. The department may employ any personnel that are necessary for the proper
4 management of the ~~Southern Wisconsin Veterans Retirement Center~~. The department may
5 acquire by gift, purchase, or condemnation lands necessary for the purposes of the ~~Southern~~
6 ~~Wisconsin Veterans Retirement Center~~. Title to any properties acquired under this section
7 shall be taken in the name of this state. Every deed of conveyance shall be immediately
8 recorded in the office of the proper register of deeds and filed with the secretary of state.

9 (b) Subject to authorization under ss. 13.48 (10) and 20.924 (1), the department may
10 develop, construct or renovate, and operate residential, treatment, and nursing care facilities
11 and programs for veterans in northwestern Wisconsin, on the property of the Northern
12 Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled in Chippewa Falls to be known as the
13 Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls. The programs and facilities may include an
14 assisted living facility, a skilled nursing facility, a medical clinic, an adult day health care
15 center, an activities center, and a veterans' assistance program. ~~The department may employ~~
16 ~~any personnel that are necessary for the proper management of these facilities and programs.~~

17 (END)