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Wisconsin Legislative News

<u>SB8</u> and <u>AB26</u> relating to: the University of Wisconsin Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project and making an appropriation.

SB102 and AB102 relating to: reducing the eligibility threshold to claim the veterans and surviving spouses property tax credit

SB16 and SB238 relating to: tuition and fee remission for certain veterans and their dependents enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System or a technical college.

SB693 relating to: free state park admission for veterans and gold star families.

<u>SB546</u> and <u>AB580</u> relating to: admission of spouses at veterans homes.

SB727 relating to: creating a medicinal psilocybin treatment fund and a pilot program to study the effects of medicinal psilocybin treatment on patients with post-traumatic stress syndrome at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and making an appropriation.

Wisconsin Voter Voice

The VFW Department of Wisconsin has developed their very own Voter Voice. This is similar to the National Action Corps. Signing up will keep you up to date for Veteran issues within the state of Wisconsin. We need your votes both in our State and Nationally. Please consider signing up to be in the know for our veterans.

https://www.votervoice.net/VFWWI/

National Legislative Issues

H.R. 234: Gerald's Law Act

2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

Gerald's Law Act This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide a burial and funeral allowance for a veteran who dies from a non-service-connected disability in a home or other setting at which the veteran was receiving VA hospice care (if such care was directly preceded by VA hospital or nursing home care).

H.R. 303: Retired Pay Restoration Act

2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

Retired Pay Restoration Act This bill allows the receipt of both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation with respect to any service-connected disability. Under current law, only individuals with service-connected disabilities rated at 50% or more receive both without offset. Individuals who were retired or separated after at least 20 years of military service due to a service-connected disability shall be eligible for the full concurrent receipt of both veterans' disability compensation and either military retired pay or combat-related special pay.