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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
102<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

**Resolution:** 16.2021

**Subject:** Support for Revising the Wisconsin Veteran and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit to Provide for a Graduated Benefit

**Submitted by:** Department Legislative Committee

**Referred to Convention Committee on Legislative**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Veterans AND Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit provides veterans and unremarried surviving spouses a refundable property tax credit on their primary Wisconsin residence; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wisconsin Legislative Committee reviewed the existing legislative resolutions at the Department Spring Meetings held in Baraboo, WI on May 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The definition of an eligible veteran found in § 71.07(6e) Wis. stats.as follows;

- A. A veteran who served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S, armed forces
- B. A veteran who was a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into active service or had been a resident of Wisconsin for any 5-year period after entry into that service
- C. A veteran who is currently a resident of Wisconsin for purposes of receiving veterans benefits under Ch. 45 Wis. stats.
- D. A veteran has either a service-connected disability of 100% under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or 100 percent disability rating based on individual unemployability; and

WHEREAS, The definition of an eligible unremarried surviving spouse is found in § 71.07(6e) Wis. stats.as follows;

- A. A unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran who had served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S, armed forces and who was a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into active service or had been a resident of Wisconsin for any 5-year period after entry into that service and who while a resident of Wisconsin, died on active duty
- B. A unremarried spouse of a veteran who had either a service-connected disability of 100% under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or 100 percent disability rating based on individual unemployability.
- C. A unremarried spouses of an individual who died in the line of duty while on active or inactive duty, while on active duty or inactive duty for training purposes as a member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces and who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into that service or who had been

a resident of Wisconsin for any consecutive 5-year period after entry into that service and who was a resident of this state at the time of death.

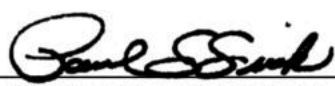
- D. A unremarried surviving spouses who began to receive or continues to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from the Federal VA; and

WHEREAS, veteran eligibility is verified by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the program is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, several states provide a similar benefit to veterans. Each state provides a program unique to its needs; now therefore Be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin supports a revision to the Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouse Statute to provide for a graduated property tax credit for Wisconsin disabled veterans and surviving spouses.**

**For Convention Committee Use**

<p><b>This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.</b></p> <p>Signature</p> <p></p> <p>_____ Chairman or Secretary</p> <p>Of Convention Committee on</p> <p>_____ Legislative</p>	<p>Approved <u>  X  </u> Rejected _____</p> <p>Approved as amended _____</p> <p>Consolidated _____</p> <p>Rewritten _____</p> <p>Refer to standing committee on _____</p> <p>Other action _____</p>
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