

Legislative Update February 11, 2021

The 2021-22 legislative session began last month. The bills identified below have been introduced in the legislature. Each introduced bill is hyperlinked to its respective legislative webpage.

[Assembly Bill 16](#) / [Senate Bill 12](#)

Broadening the applicability of an individual income tax subtraction for certain reserve components of the armed forces and national guard.

Referred to Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and Constitution and Federalism respectively.

[Assembly Bill 48](#) / [Senate Bill 23](#)

Expanding veterans benefits to individuals who served in Laos in support of the United States during the Vietnam War.

Referred to Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and Senate Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and Constitution and Federalism respectively.

[Senate Bill 43](#)

Exempting military income received by active duty members of the U.S. armed forces and sunsetting the armed forces member tax credit.

Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Revenue – public hearing February 4, 2021; passed by committee February 4, 2021 (5-0).

[Senate Bill 44](#)

Exempting veterans and members of the armed forces from admissions application fees at University of Wisconsin System schools and technical colleges.

Referred to Senate Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

The items below have been circulated among legislators seeking cosponsors but have not been formally introduced.

LRB 1269

Creating Hmong-Lao Veterans Day.

LRB 1288

Free access to boat launches for veterans over 65 years of age.

The items below are permanent administrative rule changes in process.

[Clearinghouse Rule 20-011](#)

Amendment to general provisions of Chapter VA 1.
Pending Governor’s approval for submission to legislature.

[Clearinghouse Rule 20-013](#)

Creates Chapter VA 11, provisions for administration of the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP).
Pending Governor’s approval for submission to legislature.

[Clearinghouse Rule 21-012](#)

Amends Chapter VA 2 to increase distribution of grant funding to more veterans, veterans organizations, employers of veterans, and non-profit organizations who provide outreach and services to veterans and underserved veteran populations.
Under review by the Legislative Council Clearinghouse.

2021-2022 Legislative Committees

Assembly: [Veterans and Military Affairs](#)

Chairman: <u>Representative Skowronski</u>	Ranking Member: <u>Representative Riemer</u>
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<u>Representative Edming</u>	<u>Representative Milroy</u>
<u>Representative Sortwell</u>	<u>Representative Hesselbein</u>
<u>Representative Tittl</u>	
<u>Representative Allen</u>	
<u>Representative James</u>	
<u>Representative Summerfield</u>	
<u>Representative Petryk</u>	

Senate: [Veterans and Military Affairs and Constitution and Federalism](#)

Chairman: <u>Senator Wimberger</u>	Ranking Member: <u>Senator Carpenter</u>
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<u>Senator Roth</u>	