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Veterans Transitional Jobs Bill Signed into Law

MADISON – State Representative Daniel Riemer (D – Milwaukee) released the following statement after 2017 Assembly Bill 422 was signed into law. Assembly Bill 422 is a bipartisan bill he co-authored creating the Hire Heroes Program, a statewide transitional jobs program for veterans.

“The creation of the Hire Heroes program is a win for Wisconsin employers, and most importantly, it is a win for our veterans. With this program, we are providing an avenue for unemployed veterans to quickly get back on their feet, earn a living, build a resume, and provide for their families,” said Rep. Riemer. “This program is pro-work and anti-poverty, and it helps create a path toward the middle class through work and wages.”

Assembly Bill 422 is a bipartisan bill that is supported by many veterans groups, including the County Veteran Service Officer Association, the American Legion-WI Chapter, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars-WI Chapter. It received a 93-0 unanimous vote for passage in the State Assembly, and a 32-0 unanimous vote in the State Senate.

The Hire Heroes Program is modeled after the successful transitional jobs programs already established in Wisconsin, with a number of key differences. First, this program is tailored to veterans. Second, the individual is not required to have dependent children to participate. This will allow more people to apply.

“I am pleased Assembly Bill 422 was signed into law today. It is a small piece to help those who have served all of us to get back on their feet. This is something we should all be working towards for the people of Wisconsin. I look forward to continuing to work hard for the veterans of Wisconsin, and for policies that help people get back to work and join the middle-class.”

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