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HEBL CALLS FOR HEARING ON VETS BILL

(MADISON) –Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) today requested a committee hearing on Assembly Bill 300, legislation he introduced that would update an outdated statute and allow veterans to claim creditable service in the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) for years served in the military.

In a letter to Rep. Ken Skowronski, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, Hebl discussed the importance of the legislation, which he said would properly honor the service of all veterans.

Under current law, a veteran who begins work with an employer participating in the WRS may claim one year of creditable service for every five years of military service (up to a total of four credit-years), but only if the participant’s military service occurred prior to 1974. Any veteran who has served after the Vietnam War is not currently able to claim creditable service for their service. This means that veterans who served in combat in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq, and other military conflicts would not be able to claim this credit.

Hebl’s legislation eliminates the pre-1974 requirement.

“The pre-1974 requirement was written into law nearly 35 years ago,” Hebl said in the letter. “In order to show our appreciation to veterans who have served in years since 1974, it’s clear that we need to update this statute.”

Assembly Bill 300 was referred to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs in August. Hebl said that on Veterans Day, he felt compelled to renew a request for a hearing on the bill.

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