



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 724

March 15, 2012 - Introduced by Representatives TURNER, SINICKI, ROYS, VRUWINK, STEINBRINK, YOUNG, HULSEY, GRIGSBY, TOLES, RINGHAND, MILROY, HEBL, BERCEAU, STASKUNAS, PETRYK, POPE-ROBERTS, C. TAYLOR, CLARK, SPANBAUER and POCAN, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN, TAYLOR, C. LARSON, ERPENBACH, LASEE, VINEHOUT and S. COGGS. Referred to Committee on Election and Campaign Reform.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of veterans
2 identification cards as proof of identification for voting.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain exceptions, an individual who votes in an election must present proof of identification in order to vote. The proof may consist of one of a number of documents specified by law that contains the name of the individual to whom the document was issued, which name conforms to the individual's voter registration, if the individual is registered to vote, and with limited exceptions, that contains a photograph of the individual. With certain exceptions, an individual who casts an absentee ballot by mail must enclose a copy of his or her proof of identification in the envelope containing his or her ballot.

This bill permits a veterans identification card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to be used as proof of identification if the card contains the name of the person to whom it is issued and a photograph of the individual.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
4 5.02 (**6m**) (g) A veterans identification card issued by the veterans health
5 administration of the U. S. department of veterans affairs.

