



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 98

February 27, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives RADCLIFFE, BARCA, BENEDICT, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, BIES, BLACK, BROOKS, CLARK, COLON, CULLEN, DANOU, DAVIS, DEXTER, FIELDS, GARTHWAITE, GRIGSBY, GUNDERSON, HEBL, HILGENBERG, HINTZ, HIXSON, HONADEL, HRAYCHUCK, HUBLER, HUEBSCH, JORGENSEN, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, KESSLER, KESTELL, LOTHIAN, MASON, MILROY, MOLEPSKE JR., MONTGOMERY, MURTHA, NELSON, A. OTT, PARISI, PASCH, PETROWSKI, POCAN, POPE-ROBERTS, PRIDEMORE, RICHARDS, RIPP, ROYS, SCHNEIDER, SEIDEL, SHERIDAN, SHERMAN, SHILLING, SINICKI, SMITH, SOLETSKI, SPANBAUER, STEINBRINK, TAUCHEN, TOLES, TOWNSEND, TURNER, VAN AKKEREN, VRUWINK, M. WILLIAMS, ZEPNICK, ZIEGELBAUER, ZIGMUNT, FRISKE, STRACHOTA, KLEEFISCH and GUNDRUM, cosponsored by Senators VINEHOUT, HANSEN, COWLES, COGGS, DECKER, S. FITZGERALD, LEHMAN, LAZICH, SCHULTZ, PLALE, WIRCH, TAYLOR and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 14.16 (15) of the statutes; **relating to:** the designation of
2 Korean War Armistice Day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law gives the governor authority to set aside, by proclamation, certain days of the year to remember or honor specific groups or concerns. For example, the governor issues a proclamation for Labor Day, Mother's Day, Wonderful Wisconsin Week, Veteran Recognition Week, POW-MIA Recognition Day, and Purple Heart Day.

This bill designates July 27, the date of the military armistice agreement that ended the Korean War, as "Korean War Armistice Day," and requires the governor to issue a proclamation for the observation of that day, asking the public to contemplate the sacrifices that members of the U.S. armed forces made during the Korean War.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 14.16 (15) of the statutes is created to read:
4 14.16 (15) **KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE DAY.** To recognize the Wisconsin armed
5 forces members who courageously served during the Korean War, July 27, the date

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1 of the military armistice agreement that ended that war, is designated as the
2 “Korean War Armistice Day.” The governor shall issue annually a suitable
3 proclamation for the observance of “Korean War Armistice Day” and request that
4 some portion of the day be used for solemn contemplation on the sacrifices that
5 members of the U.S. armed forces made during that war, including the death of over
6 700 Wisconsin citizens.

7 (END)