

Gov. Walker: Signs bills supporting veterans into law at applied Fab and Machining in Wausau

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Madison, Wisconsin — Governor Scott Walker today signed three bills into law at Applied Fab & Machining, a certified “Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business” in Wausau. The bills increase support for veteran farmers, disabled veteran business owners, and tuition grants for National Guard members.

“The proven skills, dedication, and work ethic of our veterans and service members illustrate their key role in keeping Wisconsin’s workforce strong and successful,” said Governor Walker. “These new bipartisan bills make it easier for veterans to access the resources they need to excel in education, business, and farming so they can pursue their passions and keep moving Wisconsin forward.”

Senate Bill 224 – This bill creates a collaborative program to integrate veterans into agriculture and provide supporting resources. The program will assist veterans by providing employment, mentorship, and educational opportunities in both the University of Wisconsin and technical college system, and will also connect veterans with local, state, and federal resources. Authored by Senator Patrick Testin (R—Stevens Point) and Representative Evan Goyke (D—Milwaukee), the bill passed the Senate on a voice vote and was concurred in the Assembly by a voice vote. It is Act 121.

Senate Bill 47 – The bill brings consistency in eligibility for disabled-veteran owned business status between state and federal programs. Authored by Senator Roger

Roth (R—Appleton) and Representative Evan Goyke (D—Milwaukee), the bill passed the Senate on a voice vote and was concurred in the Assembly by a voice vote. It is Act 122.

Senate Bill 410 - The bill clarifies that the Department of Military Affairs shall include all differential tuition costs in calculating the maximum amount for tuition reimbursement at qualifying schools for eligible National Guard members. Additionally, the department must reimburse an applicant no later than 30 days after the department receives the certification of course completion. Authored by Senator Leah Vukmir (R—Wauwatosa) and Representative Mike Kuglitsch (R—New Berlin), the bill passed the Senate on a voice vote and was concurred in the Assembly by a voice vote. It is Act 123.

Applied Fab & Machining is a custom metal manufacturer, machinery, and assembler focusing on original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and military markets.