

Vet Board Member Quits

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) A state Veterans Affairs Board member has resigned. Marv Freedman wrote in a letter Tuesday to Republican Gov. Scott Walker that he was upset with a bill Walker signed in July that stripped the board of its power to appoint the state Department of Veterans Affairs secretary. Freedman also criticized Walker's decision to re-hire former Secretary John Scocos to the post in August. The board fired Scocos in 2009, blaming him for financial problems and miscommunications at the agency. Former Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle appointed Freedman to the board in 2004. Walker's spokesman called Freedman's letter a political ploy and says the governor looks forward to appointing a new board member. Another board member Doyle appointed, Peter Moran, quit this past summer.