



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 792

February 12, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives LORGE, JOHNSRUD, RYBA, VANDER LOOP, HASENOHRL, GROTHMAN and PLOUFF. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.09 (9) (b) 2.; and **to create** 29.09 (9) (bm), 29.09 (9) (c) 1. ag.,
2 29.09 (9) (c) 1. am. and 29.09 (9) (c) 1. ar. of the statutes; **relating to:** issuance
3 of Class A permits by the department of natural resources to certain disabled
4 persons.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a disabled person may receive a special permit from the department of natural resources (DNR) if the person has a permanent disability because of which the person cannot walk and which requires the use of a wheelchair, walker or certain braces or prosthesis. This permit, called a Class A permit, allows the permit holder to shoot or hunt from a stationary vehicle, to fish or troll using an electric motor on waters where motorized boats are prohibited and to hunt certain game with a crossbow. Under this bill, DNR must issue this Class A permit to an applicant if the applicant has a condition or has had joint surgery that makes it difficult for the applicant to walk. Under the bill, the applicant may demonstrate this by having a report signed by a physician, chiropractor or physical therapist. Under current law, reports for other types of disabilities which qualify the applicant for this Class A permit must be signed by a physician or chiropractor.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 29.09 (9) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

1 29.09 (9) (b) 2. ~~An~~ Except as provided in par. (bm), an applicant shall submit
2 on a form prepared and furnished by the department, as part of the application, a
3 written statement or report prepared and signed by a licensed physician or licensed
4 chiropractor, prepared no more than 6 months preceding the application and
5 verifying that the applicant is physically disabled.

6 **SECTION 2.** 29.09 (9) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

7 29.09 (9) (bm) *Alternative documentation.* For an application based on par. (c)
8 1. ag. or am., the statement or report may be prepared and signed by a licensed
9 physical therapist in lieu of being prepared and signed by a licensed physician or
10 licensed chiropractor. For an application based on par. (c) 1. ar., an applicant may
11 submit documentary evidence confirming the condition from the federal or state
12 agency granting the benefits in lieu of the written statement or report prepared and
13 signed by a licensed physician or licensed chiropractor.

14 **SECTION 3.** 29.09 (9) (c) 1. ag. of the statutes is created to read:

15 29.09 (9) (c) 1. ag. Has a condition which a licensed physician, licensed physical
16 therapist or licensed chiropractor certifies makes it difficult for the applicant to
17 ambulate.

18 **SECTION 4.** 29.09 (9) (c) 1. am. of the statutes is created to read:

19 29.09 (9) (c) 1. am. Has had joint replacement surgery which a licensed
20 physician, licensed physical therapist or licensed chiropractor certifies makes it
21 difficult for the applicant to ambulate.

22 **SECTION 5.** 29.09 (9) (c) 1. ar. of the statutes is created to read:

