



2013 SENATE BILL 178

May 8, 2013 – Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, TIFFANY, CARPENTER, HANSEN, LASEE, LAZICH, SHILLING and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives PETRYK, MURSAU, BROOKS, ENDSLEY, HESSELBEIN, KESTELL, KLEEFISCH, KOLSTE, MILROY, POPE, SPIROS, TITTL, WEATHERSTON, BIES and BALLWEG. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.194 (title), 29.194 (1) (b), 29.235 (5) and 29.563 (12) (a) 2.;
2 *to repeal and recreate* 29.194 (1) (title); and *to create* 29.235 (3m), 29.563
3 (4) (a) 2s., 29.563 (4) (b) 2s. and 29.563 (12) (a) 2m. of the statutes; **relating to:**
4 hunting, fishing, and trapping approvals issued to recipients of the purple
5 heart medal.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must treat a qualified member of the armed forces, a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, or the national guard as a resident for purposes of determining the member's eligibility for, and cost of, obtaining hunting, trapping, or fishing approvals. Fees for approvals issued to residents are lower than for those issued to nonresidents. This bill expands this treatment to a nonresident who has received the Purple Heart medal.

Under current law, a conservation patron license confers a number of fishing, hunting, and trapping privileges and allows free vehicle admission to state parks and related areas. Under this bill, DNR must issue a conservation patron license at a reduced fee to a resident or nonresident applicant who has received a Purple Heart medal.

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For further information see the *state and local* 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 29.194 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **29.194 (title) ~~Approvals for students~~ Resident approvals for certain**
3 **nonresidents and members of the armed forces, reserves, or national**
4 **guard.**

5 **SECTION 2.** 29.194 (1) (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

6 **29.194 (1) (title)** RESIDENT APPROVALS FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS.

7 **SECTION 3.** 29.194 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 **29.194 (1) (b)** The department shall treat a qualified recipient of a purple heart
9 medal, a qualified member of the armed forces, a qualified member of a reserve unit
10 of the U.S. armed forces, or a qualified member of the national guard as a resident
11 for purposes of determining the ~~member's~~ person's eligibility for and cost of obtaining
12 a hunting, trapping, or fishing approval under this chapter, except for a conservation
13 patron license issued under s. 29.235 (3m). A qualified recipient of a purple heart
14 medal is a person who is not a resident who exhibits proof that he or she has received
15 a purple heart medal. A qualified member of the armed forces is a person who
16 exhibits proof that he or she is in active service in the U.S. armed forces or in forces
17 incorporated in the U.S. armed forces and that he or she is stationed in this state.
18 A qualified member of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces is a person who exhibits
19 proof that he or she is a member of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces located in
20 this state. A qualified member of the national guard is a person who exhibits proof
21 that he or she is a member of the Wisconsin national guard.

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1 **SECTION 4.** 29.235 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

2 29.235 **(3m)** PURPLE HEART CONSERVATION PATRON LICENSE. The department shall
3 issue a resident conservation patron license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563 (4) (a)
4 2s. to any resident applying for this license who exhibits proof that he or she has
5 received a purple heart medal. The department shall issue a nonresident
6 conservation patron license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563 (4) (b) 2s. to any person
7 applying for this license who is not a resident and who exhibits proof that he or she
8 has received a purple heart medal.

9 **SECTION 5.** 29.235 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 29.235 **(5)** SUBSCRIPTION. At the time the department issues a conservation
11 patron license, except for a license issued to a resident under sub. (3m), it shall
12 provide each licensee who is at least 18 years of age with an annual subscription to
13 the Wisconsin natural resources magazine without any additional fee or charge.

14 **SECTION 6.** 29.563 (4) (a) 2s. of the statutes is created to read:

15 29.563 **(4)** (a) 2s. Conservation patron issued under s. 29.235 (3m) to a recipient
16 of the purple heart medal: \$9.25 or a greater amount at the applicant's option.

17 **SECTION 7.** 29.563 (4) (b) 2s. of the statutes is created to read:

18 29.563 **(4)** (b) 2s. Conservation patron issued under s. 29.235 (3m) to a recipient
19 of the purple heart medal: \$160.25 or a greater amount at the applicant's option.

20 **SECTION 8.** 29.563 (12) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 29.563 **(12)** (a) 2. Archer, sports, or conservation patron, except as provided in
22 subd. 2m: \$14.25 if deer tags are included; \$11.25 after open season and deer tags
23 are not included.

24 **SECTION 9.** 29.563 (12) (a) 2m. of the statutes is created to read:

