



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 509

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.164 (3m) (title); and *to create* 29.164 (3m) (am) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** an exemption for recipients of the purple heart medal
3 from the cumulative preference system for issuing wild turkey hunting licenses
4 and tags.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if the number of applicants for wild turkey hunting tags for a given wild turkey hunting zone or a given wild turkey hunting season time period exceeds the number of available wild turkey hunting tags allocated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for that zone or time period, DNR must issue wild turkey hunting licenses and tags for that zone or time period according to a cumulative preference system. Under this system, DNR issues a limited number of licenses and tags to applicants according to their placement in any of several preference categories based on landowner status, resident status, and the number of seasons for which the applicant applied for but was not issued a license.

Under current law, DNR may issue wild turkey hunting licenses and tags to certain members of the U.S. armed forces without requiring that the licenses and tags be issued pursuant to the cumulative preference system. Under this bill, DNR

