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

SECTION 1. 21.015 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
21.015 (3) Assist the department of transportation in making the determinations under s. 343.16 (2) (f).

SECTION 2. 343.16 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:
343.16 (2) (f) Application by military license holder.
1. In this paragraph, “military commercial driver license” means, notwithstanding s. 340.01 (7m) and (41m), an authorization from the national guard of any state, from a branch of the U.S. armed forces, or from forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces, authorizing a person to operate vehicles that the department determines are equivalent to those described in s. 343.04 (1) that the applicant’s military commercial driver license authorizes the applicant to operate.
3. Notwithstanding pars. (a) to (c) and sub. (1) (a), the department shall treat an application for a commercial driver license submitted with a military commercial driver license and other related documentation the same as an application for that license submitted by a person holding a commercial driver license from another jurisdiction, with respect to equivalent classes of vehicles under s. 343.04 (1).

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.
(1) This act first applies to applications for commercial driver licenses submitted to the department of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 4. Effective date.
(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 2nd month beginning after publication.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2005–06: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].