AN ACT to create 29.164 (3m), 29.177 (7) and 29.192 (4c) of the statutes; relating to: issuance of certain hunting approvals to certain members of the U.S. armed forces.

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

SECTION 1. 29.164 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

29.164 (3m) WILD TURKEY HUNTING LICENSES ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES. (a) Notwithstanding sub. (3), the department may issue wild turkey hunting licenses and tags without requiring that the licenses and tags be issued pursuant to the cumulative preference system under sub. (3) to members of the U.S. armed forces who are all of the following:

1. Residents.
2. In active service with the U.S. armed forces outside this state.
3. On furlough or leave within the state.

(b) The department may not impose any deadline or other restriction on the timing for applications or issuing licenses or tags under this subsection. If a license and tag under this subsection are issued during the applicable hunting season, the license and tag shall authorize hunting beginning on the date of issuance.

(c) An applicant for a wild turkey hunting license under this subsection shall be eligible for the same number of wild turkey hunting tags for each applicable season time period as an applicant who is issued tags under the cumulative preference system under sub. (3).

SECTION 2. 29.177 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

29.177 (7) EXEMPTION FROM CUMULATIVE PREFERENCE SYSTEM. (a) Notwithstanding sub. (4), the department may issue special deer hunting permits without requiring that the permits be issued pursuant to the cumulative preference system under sub. (4) to members of the U.S. armed forces who are all of the following:

1. Residents.
2. In active service with the U.S. armed forces outside this state.
3. On furlough or leave within the state.

(b) The department may not impose any deadline or other restriction on the timing for permit applications or issuing permits under this subsection. If a permit under this subsection is issued during the applicable hunting season, the permit shall authorize hunting beginning on the date of issuance.

SECTION 3. 29.192 (4c) of the statutes is created to read:

29.192 (4c) (a) Notwithstanding sub. (4), the department may issue permits authorizing the hunting of Canada geese without requiring that the permits be issued pursuant to a cumulative preference system under sub. (4) to members of the U.S. armed forces who are all of the following:

1. Residents.

* 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].
2. In active service with the U.S. armed forces outside this state.
3. On furlough or leave within the state.

(b) The department may not impose any deadline or other restriction on the timing for permit applications or issuing permits under this subsection. If a permit under this subsection is issued during the applicable hunting season, the permit shall authorize hunting beginning on the date of issuance.

(c) An applicant for a Canada goose hunting permit under this subsection shall be eligible for the same number of tags, if any are required, for each season as an applicant who is issued a Canada goose hunting permit under the cumulative preference system under sub. (4).