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From: Hanaman, Cathlene
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 11:32 AM
To: Gibson-Glass, Mary; Gallagher, Michael
Subject: FW: Statutory Language Drafting Request - BB0392
Attachments: Free Veteran Approvals docx.docx

From: jeffrey.lawrence@wisconsin.gov [mailto:jeffrey.lawrence@wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 11:31 AM
To: Hanaman, Cathlene
Cc: Thornton, Scott - DOA; Gauger, Michelle C - DOA; Lawrence, Jeffrey R - DOA
Subject: Statutory Language Drafting Request - BB0392

Biennial Budget: 2013-15

Topic: Free Hunting, Fishing and Small Game Licenses for Returning Veterans

Tracking Code: BB0392

SBO Team: HSI

SBO Analyst: Lawrence, Jeff - DOA
Phone: (608) 267-9546
E-mail: jeffrey.lawrence@wisconsin.gov

Agency Acronym: DVA

Agency Number: 485

Priority: High

Intent:

Include this for consideration in budget bill.

Currently, Wisconsin residents who are active duty service members get free fishing and small game licenses while on leave or furlough. This would give a similar benefit to returning post 9/11 personnel.

This would grant an exemption of license fees for post 9/11 Reserve and National Guard veterans for fishing, small game, deer, gun and archery licenses, giving them one free license over a one year period after returning from service.

To achieve this, the current veteran eligibility voucher program developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) would be expanded. A veteran would redeem their DVA approved voucher at DNR and be issued a "no charge" license.

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Gibson-Glass, Mary

From: Lawrence, Jeffrey R - DOA <Jeffrey.Lawrence@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 11:28 AM
To: Gibson-Glass, Mary
Subject: Amendment to LRB-1194/1 Returning Veteran Hunting/Fishing License

Mary-

We would like to submit an amendment to this draft. Under the process approved by the Governor, the department of veterans affairs would be responsible for issuing a voucher to eligible veterans, who would redeem the voucher at a DNR office. The DNR will use the vouchers to receive payment for the license from DVA. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Michelle Gauger, thank you.

Michelle 634-20

needs to be redrafted due to Putman - Robson Act. (federal law that gives match \$ for each license sold)



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Gibson-Glass, Mary

From: Lawrence, Jeffrey R - DOA <Jeffrey.Lawrence@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 3:21 PM
To: Gibson-Glass, Mary
Subject: Amendment to LRB-1194/2
Attachments: Cost of One Free Hunting or Fishing License to Returning National Guard.doc

Hi Mary-

We need to request an amendment to this draft.

DVA is going to pay a the fee for the hunting or fishing license to DNR for the cost of the license. The cost estimate is attached. I think section 2 does not reflect this process. Instead, DVA needs to have the authority to pay DNR for the licenses, and DNR has to be able to redeem the vouchers with DVA.

Can you drafter expand the uses of appropriation 20.485(2)(rm) to include payments to DNR under this initiative?

Cost of One Free Hunting or Fishing License to Returning National Guard & Reserve Military

OPPBB staff were asked to estimate the cost of giving returning National Guard and Reserve military one complimentary hunting or fishing license within 12 months of the person's return from duty.

Staff determined the current percentage of WI residents who purchased 2011 hunting and fishing licenses from data provided by DNR staff member, Paul Neuman.

In 2011 892,893 WI residents had fishing licenses and 790,023 had deer hunting licenses. Fishing and deer hunting licenses are by far the greatest number of licenses held by WI residents.

The population of WI is approximately 5.7 million. About 3.6 million people are between the ages of 18 and 65. Men purchase hunting and fishing licenses more often than women so 80% of the women were removed from the 18-65 year old WI residents. This population also mirrors the proportion of women in the military.

During 2011 about 78.6% of the 2.14 million 18-65 predominantly men group purchased hunting and/or fishing licenses. Some people purchase both but because we want to estimate on the high side we will use the 78.6% purchase rate.

As of May 31, 2012 there were 635 WI National Guard and Reserve military deployed. Thus during an upcoming 12-month period, 635 National Guard and Reserve military will return. Since the license is complimentary and an acknowledgement of their service, we project 90% of the 635 returning servicemen (572) would purchase a fishing or deer hunting license.

	% Licenses Sold, 2011	572 Servicemen Purchase:	Cost of Annual Resident License	Cost of Complimentary License
Fishing Licenses	53.1%	304	\$20	\$6,080
Deer Hunting Licenses	46.9%	268	\$24	\$6,433
Total	100%	572		\$12,513

Staff need to add handling costs of converting 572 license requests into a voucher for the servicemen to obtain the license.

Nancy Crawford
 OPPB Analyst
 January 16, 2013

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Attention: Jeff

In reviewing the calculations in the attachment with your redrafting instructions, I realized that the intent is to also waive the \$2 wildlife damage surcharge fee under s. 29.563[✓](13) that applies to hunting licenses since the amounts used for the deer hunting license in the calculations was \$24 per license. (\$21.25 base fee plus 75 cents issuing fee plus \$2 wildlife damage surcharge.) I have redrafted s. 29.1945 (2) to specifically waive this surcharge.

Also, since DNR is paying the fees and surcharges for the veteran, I deleted s. 29.563 (2) (a) 3m., 5k., and 8r. which stated that there was no fee for the license in the first place.

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As to the appropriation under s. 20.485 to transfer the reimbursement payments to DNR, a segregated fund revenues – service (SEG-S) has to be created. Let me know if you have any questions in this regard. ✓

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18 29.563 (2) (a) 3m. Small game issued to a person under s. 29.1945: \$0.
19 **SECTION 3.** 29.563 (2) (a) 5k. of the statutes is created to read:
20 29.563 (2) (a) 5k. Deer issued to a person under s. 29.1945: \$0.
21 **SECTION 4.** 29.563 (2) (a) 8r. of the statutes is created to read:
22 29.563 (2) (a) 8r. Archer issued to a person under s. 29.1945: \$0.
23 **SECTION 5.** 29.563 (3) (a) 6m. of the statutes is created to read:
24 29.563 (3) (a) 6m. Annual fishing issued to a person under s. 29.1945: \$0.

25 (END)

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1 **Insert ANL**

2 ~~NO~~ Under the bill, DVA[✓] reimburses DNR[✓] for the costs of these licenses.

3 **Insert 2-1**

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.485 (2) (sm)^X of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.485 (2) (sm) *Voucher payment for fish and game licenses.*[✓] A sum sufficient
6 for the reimbursement payments to the department of natural resources under s.
7 29.1945 (2).[✓]

8 [✓]
***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

8 **Insert 2-21**

9 ~~NO~~ On an annual basis, the department of veterans affairs shall pay to the
10 department of natural resources an amount that equals the total of fees and
11 11 surcharges ^{e that} ~~which~~ have been waived by the department of natural resources under
12 this subsection.[✓]

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February 1, 2013

Attention: Jeff

In reviewing the calculations in the attachment with your redrafting instructions, I realized that the intent is to also waive the \$2 wildlife damage surcharge fee under s. 29.563 (13) that applies to hunting licenses since the amounts used for the deer hunting license in the calculations was \$24 per license. (\$21.25 base fee plus 75 cents issuing fee plus \$2 wildlife damage surcharge.) I have redrafted s. 29.1945 (2) to specifically waive this surcharge.

Also, since DNR is paying the fees and surcharges for the veteran, I deleted s. 29.563 (2) (a) 3m., 5k., and 8r. and (3) (a) 6m. which stated that there was no fee for the license in the first place.

As to the appropriation under s. 20.485 to transfer the reimbursement payments to DNR, a segregated fund revenues – service (SEG-S) has to be created. Let me know if you have any questions in this regard.

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Gibson-Glass, Mary

From: Gibson-Glass, Mary
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2013 12:17 PM
To: Gauger, Michelle C - DOA
Subject: RE: Hunting and fishing licenses for persons who served in Iraq and Afghanistan wars

Michelle,

I got confused in doing this. We will be able to do it the way you initially asked. I'll amend s. 20.485 (2) (rm) to include the payments from DVA to DNR. Then the payments will go into the conservation fund (see s. 25.29 (1) (a).

Sorry about the mix up.

Mary

From: Gauger, Michelle C - DOA [<mailto:Michelle.Gauger@Wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2013 10:03 AM
To: Gibson-Glass, Mary
Cc: Lawrence, Jeffrey R - DOA
Subject: FW: Hunting and fishing licenses for persons who served in Iraq and Afghanistan wars

Hi Mary,

DVA has too many small, overly-specific alpha appropriations. I hate to create yet another SEG appropriation for annual expenditures of \$15,000 or less. Is there any existing alpha appropriation in DVA that could be amended to include this expenditure in lieu of creating yet another one? If not, we should create a new one...

Thanks!

From: Scott.Thornton@Wisconsin.Gov [<mailto:Scott.Thornton@Wisconsin.Gov>]
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 4:00 PM
To: Lawrence, Jeffrey R - DOA
Cc: Thornton, Scott - DOA; Thornton, Scott - DOA; Gauger, Michelle C - DOA
Subject: Hunting and fishing licenses for persons who served in Iraq and Afghanistan wars

We have received an LRB draft for DOA Tracking Code: BB0392

LRB Draft Number: 1194/3

Drafter: MGG

Drafting Attorney: Mary Gibson-Glass
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FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET – NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

VETERANS

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Under this bill, DNR must issue a resident small game hunting license, a resident deer hunting license, a resident archer hunting license, or a resident annual fishing license without charging a fee to a resident who served during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars (war period) as a member of the U.S. armed forces, or a person who served during a war period and who is a current or former member of a reserve component of the armed forces or national guard. Only one license may be issued to each person who applies and the license must be issued within one year of the person being released or discharged from the armed forces or national guard. In order to obtain the free license, a military service member must first receive a voucher from DVA that he or she then submits to DNR to receive the free license. Under the bill, DVA reimburses DNR for the costs of these licenses.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 20.485 (2) (sm) of the statutes is created to read:
 2 20.485 (2) (sm) *Voucher payment for fish and game licenses.* A sum sufficient
 3 for the reimbursement payments to the department of natural resources under s.
 4 29.1945 (2).

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 29.1945 of the statutes is created to read:

29.1945 Approvals for veterans. (1) In this section, "war period" means any of the following:

(a) A period between September 11, 2001, and the ending date of Operation Enduring Freedom or an operation that is a successor to Operation Enduring Freedom, as established by the department by rule.

(b) A period between March 19, 2003, and the ending date of Operation Iraqi Freedom or an operation that is a successor to Operation Iraqi Freedom, as established by the department by rule.

(2) The department of veterans affairs shall issue a voucher for a hunting or fishing license to each person who applies for the voucher and who is a qualified veteran. The voucher entitles a qualified veteran receiving the voucher to the waiver of the fee, including the issuing fee, and any applicable surcharge imposed s. 29.563 (13) (a) for a single hunting or fishing license. The license may be a resident small game hunting license, a resident deer hunting license, a resident archer hunting license, or a resident annual fishing license. To qualify for the fee waiver, the

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4 appointment or a contract as authorized under s. 29.024 (6) (a) 2. to 4. but must be
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7 annual basis, the department of veterans affairs shall pay to the department of
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9 been waived by the department of natural resources under this subsection.

10 (3) (a) For purposes of this section, a qualified veteran is a resident who is one
11 of the following:

12 1. A veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12) (a) to (f), who served in a war period.

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programs; fish and game vouchers

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History: 1971 c. 93, 125, 198, 215; 1973 c. 4, 90; 1973 c. 208 ss. 2, 3, 17; 1973 c. 333 s. 201m; 1973 c. 340; 1975 c. 26, 39, 198, 200, 224; 1977 c. 4, 29, 237; 1977 c. 418 s. 929 (55); 1977 c. 447; 1979 c. 4, 34, 155; 1981 c. 20 ss. 377g to 399, 2202 (55) (a); 1981 c. 93, 237; 1983 a. 27; 1983 a. 333 s. 6; 1985 a. 6, 29; 1987 a. 27, 399; 1989 a. 31; 1991 a. 39, 44, 165, 269; 1993 a. 16, 254, 490; 1995 a. 27, 225; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 2; 1999 a. 9 ss. 245m, 498t to 504; 1999 a. 63, 136; 2001 a. 16, 74, 103, 106; 2003 a. 33, 42; 2005 a. 22, 25, 254, 468; 2007 a. 20; 2009 a. 28, 177; 2011 a. 32.

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