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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 69</b> [2003 Assembly Bill 19]	<b>Protections for Wisconsin Residents in National Guard of Another State</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

Current law permits Wisconsin residents to serve in the national guard of another state. However, prior to enactment of Wisconsin Act 69, those persons were not given certain legal protections that are provided to Wisconsin residents who are members of the Wisconsin National Guard. Act 69 extends those protections to Wisconsin residents who are members of the national guard of another state. The protections include:

1. Providing legal representation and payment of expenses and judgments at state expense in specified circumstances to a member who is prosecuted for a civil or criminal action for an act performed while performing military duty;
2. Staying civil court proceedings during the period of active service;
3. Capping interest rates at 6% per year on debts incurred prior to entering the service;
4. Protecting the member from eviction or mortgage foreclosure;
5. Extending a member's professional or occupational license that would otherwise come up for renewal while the person is on duty and, if certain conditions are met, extending the license until the next date on which the license is usually renewed;
6. Permitting college student members to take incompletes and complete courses at a later time without additional charge or receive a full refund of tuition and fees and a prorated refund of room and board if called to active duty while in school; and
7. Granting members certain reemployment rights.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on November 26, 2003.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.