

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

## 2003 Wisconsin Act 313 [2003 Senate Bill 407]

## Issuance of Deer Hunting Licenses During the Open Gun Season for Deer Hunting

2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/

Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act\_memo/act\_memo.htm

Act 313 repeals the prior prohibition on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its agents issuing a deer hunting license during the open gun season for deer hunting and two exceptions to this prohibition under certain conditions, one applicable to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and the other to resident youth.

In particular, under prior law, none of the following licenses could, in general, be issued during the open season for the hunting of deer with firearms:

- Resident deer hunting license.
- Nonresident deer hunting license.
- Resident sports license.

- Nonresident sports license.
- Resident conservation patron license.
- Nonresident conservation patron license.

An exception under prior law to this prohibition was that a resident deer hunting license could be issued before or after the opening of the season for hunting deer with firearms to a person who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. To receive this license, the person must exhibit proof that he or she is in active service with the armed forces and that he or she is stationed in this state or is a resident on furlough or leave. Another exception under prior law authorized the issuance of a resident deer hunting license during a season for hunting deer with firearms to a person who is a resident who has obtained the age of 12 during that season.

Act 313 repeals this prohibition and these exceptions.

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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.