



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2005 Wisconsin Act 108
[2005 Assembly Bill 229]

**Assigning Eligibility to Apply for
Turkey Hunting License**

The statutes related to wild turkey hunting licenses establish a preference system that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) uses for the issuance of wild turkey hunting licenses. The preference system includes a first preference for resident landowners who meet certain statutory conditions for obtaining a wild turkey hunting license. To qualify, a resident landowner must own at least 50 acres in one parcel in a wild turkey hunting zone. A resident landowner who is eligible for a wild turkey hunting license under this statute may assign that eligibility to a family member, a person who lives on the land and rents it, or a family member of the renter.

Act 108 retains the prior law on assignment of eligibility, and adds authorization for a resident landowner to assign eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to any minor. The Act further provides that the resident landowner may not receive any payment for making any assignment of eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license.

The Act also modifies the effective date of 2005 Wisconsin Act 82, which relates to wildlife damage claims and abatement, so that Act 82 takes effect on January 1, 2006 rather than January 1, 2007.

Effective Date: The effective date of Act 108 is February 9, 2006, except that the provision regarding assignment of eligibility to a minor takes effect on January 1, 2007. The Act also expressly states that the treatment of the statutes by the Act (authorization for a resident landowner to assign eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to a minor) first applies, commencing on the February 9, 2006 effective date of the legislation, to applications for wild turkey hunting licenses submitted after the effective date.

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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 at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.