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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2005 Wisconsin Act 26**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 399]

**Military Installations; Council on  
Military-State Relations**

*2005 Wisconsin Act 26* pertains to: (1) involvement of personnel from military installations in local planning and zoning entities; and (2) creation of a council on military and state relations.

Act 26 provides that the planning and zoning entities of political subdivisions (cities, villages, towns, and counties) must include, as a nonvoting member, a representative of a military installation that is located in the political subdivision and that has at least 200 assigned military personnel or at least 2,000 acres, if the commanding officer appoints such a representative.

Under the Act, when a zoning or planning entity of a political subdivision holds a public hearing on a zoning ordinance or development or master plan change, it must consider any comments of the commanding officer (or designee) of a military installation that is located in or near the political subdivision. If a zoning or land use ordinance or plan is enacted, a copy must be sent to the commanding officer. The Act adds, as part of the intergovernmental cooperation element of a comprehensive plan, consideration to the greatest extent possible of the maps and plans of a military installation with which the political subdivision or regional planning commission shares common territory.

Act 26 also creates a council on military and state relations in the Governor's office, whose duties include working with the state's military installations and communities, state agencies, and economic development professionals to enhance the installations and determine how state agencies can better serve military communities and military families. The council is also directed to advise the Governor on issues related to the location of military installations in the state.

The council consists of representatives of the Department of Military Affairs, Fort McCoy, and the Governor's office, and one majority member and one minority member of each house of the Legislature. The chair of the council is to be elected by the members.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on August 13, 2005.

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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/>.

