



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 51
[2007 Assembly Bill 296]

**Licenses for Members
of Armed Forces**

2007 Wisconsin Act 51 expands the eligibility of members of the armed forces for special treatment in the issuance of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses.

Background Information

The current statutes provide special treatment to individuals who are in the armed forces for purposes of issuing the following licenses:

- Deer hunting licenses, if the service member is a Wisconsin resident on active service outside of Wisconsin and is on leave -- the service member may shoot a deer of either sex during any firearm season.
- Hunting, trapping, or fishing licenses, if the service member is in active service and is stationed in Wisconsin -- the service member may obtain a resident license.
- Resident archer or conservation patron licenses, which normally authorize deer hunting with a bow and arrow following a three-day delay if issued during the open season for deer -- a service member who is either stationed in Wisconsin or is a resident on leave may use the license effective immediately for deer hunting with a bow and arrow during the archery season.
- Sturgeon spearing licenses, which are generally not issued from November 1 to the end of the season -- a service member who is a resident of Wisconsin stationed outside of Wisconsin and may obtain the license during that time period and use it immediately.

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/>.

2007 Wisconsin Act 51 modifies all of the above statutes so that, as an additional method of eligibility, each statute also applies to a member of the armed forces who is stationed outside of this state and was a resident of Wisconsin when the individual entered service except for the deer hunting statute, which also requires that the service member is also on furlough or leave.

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