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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2015 Wisconsin Act 98**  
[2015 Senate Bill 20]

**Transfer of Certain Hunting  
Approvals to Disabled Persons,  
Purple Heart Recipients, and  
Service Members**

### **BACKGROUND**

State law generally prohibits a person from transferring his or her hunting, trapping, or fishing approval to another person.

Under one exception to this prohibition, certain types of approvals, including Class A bear licenses, wild turkey licenses, bobcat hunting and trapping permits, and sturgeon spearing licenses, may be transferred to a minor (a person under 18 years of age) if certain conditions are met. Specifically, a person wishing to transfer an approval to a minor must apply to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) no later than the 15 days immediately preceding the first day of the applicable open season, and the minor to whom the approval will be transferred must not have been previously transferred that type of approval and must be otherwise eligible to use the approval.

### **2015 WISCONSIN ACT 98**

Act 98 allows a person to transfer the same types of approvals which may be transferred to a minor to be transferred to a disabled person (a person who holds a Class A, B, C, or D disabled hunting permit). The Act specifies that the same requirements that apply to the transfer of an approval to a minor apply to the transfer of an approval to a disabled person.

Act 98 creates a new provision which allows a person who holds a Class A bear license to transfer the license to a person awarded the Purple Heart or to a service member (a person who is serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces) if the person applies to the DNR no later than 15 days immediately preceding the open season for bear hunting, and the Purple Heart recipient or service member to whom the approval will be transferred has not been previously transferred a Class A bear license.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.