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2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 523

June 28, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives Musser, Gard, Gunderson, Pettis, Bies, Ott, M. Williams, Petrowski, Black, Nerison, Boyle, Gundrum, Owens, Lehman, Strachota, Lothian, Kerkman, Hahn, Suder, Albers, Freese, Pridemore and Van Roy, cosponsored by Senators Brown, Roessler, Lassa, Breske and Grothman. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 29.194 (1); and to create 29.194 (1) (b) of the statutes; relating to: resident hunting and fishing approvals for members of the armed forces.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to issue a resident fishing, small game hunting, or deer hunting license to a person who applies for the license and shows that he or she is a member of the U.S. armed forces and is stationed in this state.

This bill requires DNR to consider a person to be a resident of this state for purposes of receiving and paying for any noncommercial hunting, trapping, or fishing license if the person shows that he or she is a member of the U.S. armed forces or forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces and is stationed in this state

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** 29.194 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 29.194 (1) (a) and amended
- 5 to read:

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29.194 (1) (a) Notwithstanding ss. 29.024 (2) and 29.228 (1) (a), the department shall issue a resident fishing license, resident small game hunting license or resident deer hunting license to a qualified student or qualified member of the armed forces applying for the license. A qualified student is a person who exhibits proof that he or she is a registered full-time undergraduate student in residence at a public or private college or university located in this state and offering a bachelor's degree or that he or she is a citizen of a foreign country temporarily residing in this state while attending a high school located in this state or an agricultural short course at the University of Wisconsin System. A qualified member of the armed forces is a person who exhibits proof that he or she is in active service with the U.S. armed forces and that he or she is stationed in this state.

Section 2. 29.194 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

29.194 (1) (b) The department shall treat a qualified member of the armed forces as a resident for purposes of determining the member's eligibility for and cost of obtaining a hunting, trapping, or fishing approval under this subchapter. A qualified member of the armed forces is a person who exhibits proof that he or she is in active service in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces and that he or she is stationed in this state.