



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 800

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.304 (3) (a) 2., 29.304 (3) (b) 3., 29.593 (2), 29.593 (2m) and
2 29.595 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** exceptions to requirements for
3 issuance of a certificate of accomplishment for successful completion of certain
4 hunter education programs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law specifies that, with certain exceptions, no person born on or after January 1, 1973, may obtain a hunting approval authorizing hunting unless that person is issued a certificate of accomplishment that certifies that the person has successfully completed the course of instruction under the hunter education program or the bow hunter education program established by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Similarly, under current law, no person may be issued an elk hunting license unless the person has successfully completed the course of instruction under the elk hunter education program established by DNR. Among the exceptions to the certificate of accomplishment requirement under the hunter education and bow hunter education programs is an exception for a person who has evidence that is satisfactory to DNR indicating that he or she has completed a hunter education course in another state if the course is recognized by DNR under a reciprocity agreement. The certificate of accomplishment requirement for the elk hunter education program includes an exception for a person who has completed an elk hunter education course in another state or province if the course is recognized by DNR under a reciprocity agreement.

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This bill expands the exceptions to the certificate of accomplishment requirements under the hunter education program, the bow hunter education program, and the elk hunter education program. Under the bill, a person may obtain a hunting approval without obtaining a certificate of accomplishment under the relevant hunter education program if the person holds a certificate, license, or other evidence satisfactory to DNR indicating that he or she has successfully completed in another state, province, or country a hunter education course recognized by DNR.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 29.304 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 29.304 (3) (a) 2. Is issued a certificate of accomplishment that states that he
3 or she successfully completed the course of instruction under the hunter education
4 program or has a similar certificate issued by, license, or other evidence satisfactory
5 to the department indicating that he or she has successfully completed in another
6 state, country, or province a hunter education course recognized by the department.

7 **SECTION 2.** 29.304 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 29.304 (3) (b) 3. Is issued a certificate of accomplishment that states that he
9 or she successfully completed the course of instruction under the hunter education
10 program or has a similar certificate issued by, license, or other evidence satisfactory
11 to the department indicating that he or she has successfully completed in another
12 state, country, or province a hunter education course recognized by the department.

13 **SECTION 3.** 29.593 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 29.593 (2) A person who has a certificate, license, or other evidence that is
15 satisfactory to the department indicating that he or she has successfully completed
16 in another state, country, or province a hunter safety education course and if the

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1 ~~course is recognized by the department under a reciprocity agreement, the person~~
2 ~~may obtain an approval authorizing hunting.~~

3 **SECTION 4.** 29.593 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 29.593 **(2m)** A person who has a certificate, license, or other evidence that is
5 satisfactory to the department indicating that he or she has successfully completed
6 in another state, country, or province a bow hunter education course and if the course
7 is recognized by the department ~~under a reciprocity agreement, the person may~~
8 obtain a ~~resident or nonresident~~ an archer hunting license regardless of whether the
9 person is issued a certificate of accomplishment for successfully completing the
10 course of instruction under the bow hunter education program in this state.

11 **SECTION 5.** 29.595 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 29.595 **(3)** (c) A person may be issued an elk hunting license if the person holds
13 evidence that ~~demonstrates~~ who has a certificate, license, or other evidence that is
14 satisfactory to the satisfaction of the department indicating that he or she has
15 successfully completed in another state, country, or province an elk hunter education
16 course and if the course is recognized by the department ~~under a reciprocity~~
17 ~~agreement with that state or province~~ may obtain an elk hunting license.

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