

## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 27

February 5, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives GUNDERSON, SUDER, TOWNS, ALBERS, BIES, FREESE, FRISKE, GRONEMUS, HAHN, HINES, HUNDERTMARK, KRAWCZYK, LADWIG, MUSSER, NASS, OLSEN, OWENS, PETROWSKI, PLALE, SERATTI, STONE, TOWNSEND and J. WOOD, cosponsored by Senators KEDZIE, SCHULTZ, KANAVAS, A. LASEE, LAZICH, STEPP and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.164 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** the issuance of  
2 wild turkey hunting licenses to qualified resident landowners.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues wild turkey hunting licenses to applicants according to a preference system. Under that system, qualified resident landowners receive first preference in obtaining a wild turkey hunting license. Under current law, an applicant is a qualified resident landowner if the applicant owns at least 50 acres in one parcel in an established wild turkey hunting zone and if the applicant agrees to allow other persons, with the applicant's permission, to hunt wild turkeys on that land.

This bill eliminates the requirement that a person, in order to obtain a wild turkey hunting license as a qualified resident landowner, must agree to allow other persons to hunt wild turkey on the land.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.164 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:  
4 29.164 (3) (b) 2. For purposes of subd. 1., a qualified resident landowner is a  
5 resident who owns at least 50 acres in one parcel in an established wild turkey

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1 ~~hunting zone and who agrees to allow other persons to hunt wild turkeys on that land~~  
2 ~~if those persons first obtain permission to hunt from the landowner.~~ If more than one  
3 individual is the landowner of a single parcel of land, only one individual may be  
4 considered a qualified resident landowner.

5 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

6 (1) This act first applies to wild turkey hunting licenses issued on the effective  
7 date of this subsection.

8 (END)