

## 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 229

March 16, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, GRONEMUS, PETTIS, KRAWCZYK, PETROWSKI, OTT, KREIBICH, HAHN, BALLWEG, HINES and PRIDEMORE, cosponsored by Senators STEPP and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.164 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** assignment of a  
2     landowner's eligibility to apply for a turkey hunting license.

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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. Currently, the qualified resident landowner may assign his or her eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to a family member, a person who is residing on the land and renting it, or to a family member of the renter.

Under this bill, a qualified resident landowner may assign his or her eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to any individual.

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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) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     29.164 **(3)** (b) 3. A qualified resident landowner may assign his or her eligibility  
5     to apply for a wild turkey hunting license under this paragraph as a qualified

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1 resident landowner to ~~a family member, to an operator or to a family member of the~~  
2 ~~operator~~ any individual. The department may specify the procedures and forms  
3 which are required to be followed and completed to effect this assignment. After this  
4 assignment, the assignee may apply for a wild turkey hunting license under this  
5 paragraph as a qualified resident landowner and the qualified resident landowner  
6 who assigned his or her eligibility may not so apply.

7 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

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

10 (END)