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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2007 Wisconsin Act 162**  
[2007 Assembly Bill 370]

**Commercial Driver Licenses for  
Military License Holders**

2007 Wisconsin Act 162 exempts military commercial driver license holders from the skills and knowledge test requirements for receiving a Wisconsin commercial driver license. A “military commercial driver license” is an authorization from the national guard of any state, from a branch of the U.S. armed forces, or from forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces, authorizing a person to operate vehicles that the Department of Transportation (DOT) determines are equivalent to commercial motor vehicles.

The applicant is required to submit, with the application for a Wisconsin commercial driver license, his or her military commercial driver license and other documentation that the DOT considers necessary to determine the equivalent classes of vehicles that the applicant’s military commercial driver license authorizes the applicant to operate. The DOT is required to treat such an application the same as an application for a Wisconsin commercial driver license submitted by a person holding a commercial driver license from another jurisdiction, with respect to equivalent classes of vehicles.

The Act directs the Department of Military Affairs to assist the DOT in determining the equivalent Wisconsin commercial vehicle classes which an applicant’s federal military commercial driver license authorizes the applicant to operate and to identify the documentation that an applicant must submit to the DOT with his or her application for a Wisconsin commercial driver license.

**Effective Date:** June 1, 2008

**Initial Applicability:** The Act first applies to applications for commercial driver licenses submitted to the DOT on June 1, 2008.

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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.state.wi.us/>.