



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2007 Assembly Bill 296**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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The *current statutes* provide special treatment to individuals who are in the armed forces for purposes of issuing the following licenses:

- Deer hunting licenses, if the service member is a Wisconsin resident on active service outside of Wisconsin and is on leave -- the service member may shoot a deer of either sex during any firearm season.
- Hunting, trapping, or fishing licenses, if the service member is on active service and is stationed in Wisconsin -- the service member may obtain a resident license.
- Resident archer or conservation patron licenses, which normally authorize deer hunting with a bow and arrow following a three-day delay if issued during the open season for deer -- a service member who is either stationed in Wisconsin or is a resident on leave may use the license effective immediately for deer hunting with a bow and arrow during the archery season.
- Sturgeon spearing licenses, which are generally not issued from November 1 to the end of the season -- a service member who is a resident of Wisconsin stationed outside of Wisconsin and is on leave may obtain the license during that time period and use it immediately.

*Assembly Bill 296* modifies all of the above statutes so that, as an alternative to eligibility for service members who are stationed in this state, each statute also applies to a member of the armed forces who was a resident of Wisconsin when the individual entered service.

*Assembly Substitute Amendment 1* makes the following changes to Assembly Bill 296:

- The substitute amendment harmonizes Assembly Bill 296 with the changes made by 2007 Assembly Bill 130. Assembly Bill 130 authorizes the issuance of hunting, fishing, and

trapping approvals to members of the Wisconsin National Guard and to members of a reserve unit that is located in this state. The substitute amendment reconciles the statutes that are affected by the two bills so that additional legislation is not necessary to accomplish the amendments intended by each of the bills. The substitute amendment also makes Assembly Bill 296 applicable to members of a reserve unit that is located in this state.

- Assembly Bill 296 makes similar amendments to four separate statutes in order to authorize issuance of hunting and fishing approvals to members of the armed forces who are former residents of Wisconsin. The substitute amendment makes a single modification in s. 29.194, Stats., to accomplish this purpose, and makes that statutory change applicable throughout ch. 29, Stats., to eliminate the need to repeat the statutory change in four separate statutes.
- The substitute amendment deletes the three-month delayed effective date so that the statutory changes can take effect immediately.

### **Legislative History**

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Gunderson. The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, on July 18, 2007, each on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0; and Absent, 2.

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