



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 83

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, a disabled veteran who is a Wisconsin resident may be issued an annual fishing license at a lower fee, if the veteran has a service-connected disability rating of 70% or greater from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). When USDVA makes a disability rating determination, it also determines whether the veteran's disability is so severe as to render the veteran "individually unemployable" and if so, the veteran is compensated at the 100% rating level. Current law does not specifically refer to veterans who are determined individually unemployable as being eligible for the reduced-fee fishing license.

Assembly Bill 83 expands eligibility for the lower fee annual fishing license to include veterans who are determined to be individually unemployable. *Assembly Amendment 1* corrects citations in the bill to the federal laws and regulations governing individual unemployability.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Townsend. In an executive session on May 26, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs adopted Assembly Amendment 1, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 10; and Noes, 0.

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