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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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<b>2017 Wisconsin Act 14</b> [2017 Senate Bill 46]	<b>Exemptions for Turkey Hunting</b>
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### **BACKGROUND**

With certain exceptions, no person may hunt wild turkey in Wisconsin unless they have a valid wild turkey hunting license. A person must also have a tag that authorizes wild turkey hunting in a particular zone and time period. [s. 29.164 (2) (c), Stats.]

Generally, if the number of applications for wild turkey hunting tags exceeds the number of available wild turkey hunting tags for a given zone or time period, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must issue wild turkey hunting licenses and tags for that zone or time period according to a cumulative preference system. The cumulative preference system gives preference to applicants in the following order: (1) qualified resident landowners; (2) resident applicants who applied for but were not issued licenses in the past; (3) all other resident applicants; (4) qualified nonresident landowners; and (5) all other nonresident applicants. [s. 29.164 (3), Stats.]

### **2017 WISCONSIN ACT 14**

Wisconsin Act 14 authorizes the DNR to issue wild turkey hunting licenses and tags to certain resident veterans with disabilities and to recipients of the purple heart medal without adhering to the cumulative preference system.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.