2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 461

August 2, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives MILROY, KLEEFISCH, BALLWEG, BERCIAU, BROSTOFF, DOYLE, GENRICH, HESSELBEIN, HORBACHER, KOLSTE, MASON, MURSAU, SHANKLAND, SPREITZER, SPIROS, SUBEK, TITTL, TUSLER and WACHS, cosponsored by Senators MOULTON, MILLER, HANSEN, MARKLEIN and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

AN ACT to create 29.194 (1) (d) of the statutes; relating to: hunting approvals issued to certain terminally ill individuals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to treat a terminally ill individual who is participating in a hunting-related event sponsored by a charitable organization as a resident for purposes of determining his or her eligibility for, and cost of, obtaining hunting approvals. Under current law, fees charged for hunting, trapping, and fishing approvals are lower for approvals issued to residents than for those issued to nonresidents.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 29.194 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

29.194 (1) (d) 1. In this paragraph, “terminally ill” means that an individual has been certified by a physician as having an illness or physical condition that can reasonably be expected to result in death no more than 24 months after the date of the certification.
2. The department shall treat an individual as a resident for purposes of determining the person’s eligibility for and cost of obtaining a hunting approval under this chapter, except for a conservation patron license issued under s. 29.235 (3m), if the individual presents proof that he or she is terminally ill and is participating in a hunting-related event sponsored by a charitable organization that is described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is exempt from taxation under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.