AN ACT to repeal 175.60 (4) (b) 2.; to renumber 175.60 (4) (b) 1.; and to amend 175.60 (4) (a) 1. a., b., c., d. and e. of the statutes; relating to: training requirements for a license to carry a concealed weapon.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires that a person who applies to the Department of Justice for a license to carry a concealed weapon undergo at least eight hours of training, one hour of which involves shooting range experience. Current law requires training for licensure but does not specify duration and also prohibits DOJ from requiring that live ammunition be fired as part of the training requirement.

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. 175.60 (4) (a) 1. a., b., c., d. and e. of the statutes are amended to read:

175.60 (4) (a) 1. a. The hunter education program established under s. 29.591, or a substantially similar program that is established by another state, country, or
province and that is recognized by the department of natural resources, if the
program involves at least 8 hours of training, one hour of which involves shooting
range experience.

b. A firearms safety or training course that is conducted by a national or state
organization that certifies firearms instructors and that involves at least 8 hours of
training, one hour of which involves shooting range experience.

c. A firearms safety or training course that is available to the public and is
offered by a law enforcement agency or, if the course is taught by an instructor who
is certified by a national or state organization that certifies firearms instructors or
by the department, by a technical college, a college or a university, a private or public
institution or organization, or a firearms training school and that involves at least
8 hours of training, one hour of which involves shooting range experience.

d. A firearms safety or training course that is offered to law enforcement
officers or to owners and employees of licensed private detective and security
agencies and that involves at least 8 hours of training, one hour of which involves
shooting range experience.

e. A firearms safety or training course that is conducted by a firearms
instructor who is certified by a national or state organization that certifies firearms
instructors or who is certified by the department and that involves at least 8 hours
of training, one hour of which involves shooting range experience.

SECTION 2. 175.60 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 175.60 (4) (b).

SECTION 3. 175.60 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.
(1) This act first applies to applications for licensure under section 175.60 of the statutes that are submitted on the effective date of this subsection.