February 7, 2018 - Introduced by Senator MOUTTON, cosponsored by Representatives KLEEFISCH, HORLACHER, KOYNGA, PETERSEN and TITTL. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry.

AN ACT to amend 29.024 (2) (d); and to create 29.164 (6) of the statutes; relating to: the transfer of wild turkey hunting authorizations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in addition to having a wild turkey hunting license and a valid wild turkey hunting stamp in order to hunt wild turkey in a wild turkey hunting zone or during a wild turkey hunting season time period (for example, one week during a longer wild turkey hunting season) established by the Department of Natural Resources, a person must also have a wild turkey hunting authorization that is valid for that zone and that season time period. This bill allows two holders of wild turkey hunting authorizations for different season time periods in the spring to exchange those hunting authorizations by each applying to DNR to transfer his or her hunting authorization to the other. The bill requires the application to be submitted to DNR no later than the first day of the earlier of the season time periods, limits a person to one such transfer per year, and prohibits a person from receiving consideration for such a transfer.

For further information see the state 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. 29.024 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
29.024 (2) (d) Except as provided under s. 29.164 (6), 29.179, 29.180, 29.182 (4), 29.185 (4), or 29.519 (2) (d) or by rule, no person may transfer his or her approval or permit the use of any approval by any other person.

SECTION 2. 29.164 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

29.164 (6) TRANSFER OF HUNTING AUTHORIZATIONS. (a) Upon application by each of 2 holders of wild turkey hunting authorizations to the department to transfer the hunting authorizations to each other, the department shall transfer the hunting authorizations if all of the following conditions are met:

1. Both wild turkey hunting authorizations authorize the hunting of wild turkey during a spring wild turkey hunting season, but during different season time periods.

2. Neither person has previously transferred a wild turkey hunting authorization under this subsection during that calendar year.

3. The application is submitted no later than the first day of the earlier of the season time periods under subd. 1.

(b) A holder of a wild turkey hunting authorization being transferred under this subsection may not receive any consideration for the transfer of the hunting authorization.