AN ACT to renumber and amend 118.193 (2) (b); to amend 118.193 (2) (intro.); and to create 118.193 (2) (b) 2. and 118.193 (5) of the statutes; relating to: a license to teach based on reciprocity and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 118.193 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.193 (2) (intro.) Notwithstanding s. 118.19 (4m), (6) to (9), and (12) to (14), the department shall grant an initial issue a provisional license to teach for a term of 3 years to an individual who is eligible for licensure under s. 118.19 (4) and (10) and who satisfies all of the following:

SECTION 2. 118.193 (2) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 118.193 (2) (b) (intro.) and amended to read:

118.193 (2) (b) (intro.) The individual taught for at least one any of the following:

1. One year under the license granted by another state.

SECTION 3. 118.193 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

118.193 (2) (b) 2. Two semesters under a license or permit issued by the department or 2 semesters at a private school in this state while the individual held a license or permit issued by the department. To qualify under this subdivision, the school district, cooperative educational service agency, charter school, or private school that employed the individual while the individual taught in this state while the individual held a license or permit issued by the department shall notify the department that the individual successfully completed 2 semesters of teaching experience, as defined by the department by rule.

SECTION 4. 118.193 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

118.193 (5) The department shall issue a lifetime license to an individual who obtains a provisional license under sub. (2) if the individual successfully completed 6 semesters of teaching experience, as defined by the department by rule. An individual who does not successfully complete 6 semesters of teaching experience, as defined by the department by rule, within the 3-year term of a provisional license issued under sub. (2) may apply to renew the provisional license. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may renew a provisional license under this subsection.

SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.

1. The department of public instruction shall, subject to ss. 115.31 and 115.315, issue a provisional license to an individual who holds an initial teaching license issued under s. 118.193 that is current and valid on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 6. Initial applicability.
(1) The treatment of s. 118.193 (2) (intro.) and (b) 2. and the renumbering and amendment of s. 118.193 (2) (b) first apply to an application for a license to teach received by the department on the effective date of this subsection.