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**2019 Senate Bill 85**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

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**2019 SENATE BILL 85**

2019 Senate Bill 85 reduces the fee for a conservation patron license<sup>1</sup> by \$100 for certain veterans with disabilities who reside in Wisconsin. The bill establishes eligibility criteria in reference to certain federal benefit programs for veterans with disabilities. Those criteria are similar to criteria for reduced-fee annual recreation cards and fishing licenses offered to veterans with disabilities under current state law.

**SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 creates an effective date for the bill of March 1, 2020. That date corresponds with the start of the next license year for hunting and fishing in Wisconsin.

**BILL HISTORY**

Senator Cowles offered Senate Amendment 1 on April 23, 2019. On the same day, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the amendment. The committee also voted unanimously to recommend passage of the bill, as amended.

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<sup>1</sup> A conservation patron license is a “combination” license, which confers various privileges otherwise conferred by individual hunting and fishing licenses and stamps, and which authorizes admission to state parks and other fee areas. The general fee for a Wisconsin resident conservation patron license is \$160.25. Current law offers a reduced conservation patron license fee for persons under age 18 and for recipients of the purple heart medal, but it does not offer a reduced fee for other veterans with disabilities. [ss. 29.235 and 29.563 (4) (a) 2. to 2s., Stats.]