



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 24
[2007 Assembly Bill 131]

**Issuing Hunting Approvals To
Members of the U.S. Armed Forces**

2007 Wisconsin Act 24 allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue certain hunting approvals to members of the U.S. Armed Forces without requiring the armed forces member to participate in the random or preference selection system.

Current law requires the DNR to issue certain hunting licenses and permits based on a random or preference selection system. Under these statutes, the random or preference selection system applies to hunting licenses or permits for Canada geese, bear, wild turkey, elk, and bonus deer.

Act 24 allows the DNR to issue certain hunting licenses and permits to residents of Wisconsin who are in active service in the U.S. Armed Forces outside this state but who are on furlough or leave within the state. This provision of the bill applies to wild turkey hunting licenses, Canada goose hunting permits, and hunters' choice or other special deer hunting permits. The Act prohibits DNR from imposing deadlines or other restrictions on the member of the U.S. Armed Forces for submitting applications or being issued the approval. If the DNR issues a hunting approval under statute created by the Act during the applicable hunting season, the DNR must authorize the member of the military to begin hunting on the day on which the approval was issued.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.