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2015 Wisconsin Act 67
[2015 Assembly Bill 75]

**Concealed Carry Permits for Active
Military Service Members**

2011 Wisconsin Act 35 (“the Concealed Carry Act”) authorized the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) to issue licenses to carry a concealed weapon to applicants who pay applicable fees and satisfy specified requirements. A concealed carry license allows concealed carry of a weapon, defined to include a handgun, an electric weapon, a knife other than a switchblade, or a billy club.

Under **prior law**, generally retained under 2015 Wisconsin Act 67, licenses to carry concealed weapons may only be obtained by Wisconsin residents.

However, **2015 Wisconsin Act 67** authorizes certain members of the military who would not generally be considered residents of Wisconsin to obtain state concealed carry permits. Specifically, the Act authorizes DOJ to issue concealed carry licenses to otherwise qualified individuals who are in active service in the U.S. armed forces and stationed in Wisconsin for a term that is scheduled to be at least one year in duration.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.