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- 1 AN ACT to amend 29.164 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes; relating to: the issuance of
- wild turkey hunting licenses to qualified resident landowners.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of natural resources (DNR) must give preference in the issuance of wild turkey hunting licenses to applicants who are qualified resident landowners. Under current law, an applicant is a qualified resident landowner if the applicant owns at least 50 acres in one parcel in an established wild turkey hunting zone and if the applicant agrees to allow other persons to hunt wild turkeys on that land, if they obtain the applicant's permission to do so.

This bill eliminates the requirement that a person, in order to obtain a wild turkey hunting license as a qualified resident landowner, must agree to allow other persons to hunt wild turkey on the land.

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

- **Section 1.** 29.164 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 29.164 (3) (b) 2. For purposes of subd. 1., a qualified resident landowner is a resident who owns at least 50 acres in one parcel in an established wild turkey

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hunting zone and who agrees to allow other persons to hunt wild turkeys on that land
if those persons first obtain permission to hunt from the landowner. If more than one
individual is the landowner of a single parcel of land, only one individual may be
considered a qualified resident landowner.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to wild turkey hunting licenses issued on the effective date of this subsection.

8 (END)