



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 88
[2005 Assembly Bill 384]

**Transfer of Reference Points for
Hunting and Fishing Approvals**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues certain hunting, trapping, and spearing licenses and permits on a random or preference selection system. These approvals include a bonus deer hunting permit, a wild turkey hunting license, and a Class A bear license.

Act 88 allows a person to designate a spouse, personal representative, guardian, or trustee who, upon the death of the person, may request the DNR to transfer the person's preference points, preference categories or approvals under these selection systems to a minor. The designee must request a transfer upon a form provided by the DNR that includes the designee's and minor's signatures.

A request to transfer any preference points or preference category is subject to the following additional requirements:

- The transfer application must be submitted to the DNR within one year after the person's death.
- The minor receiving the preference points or preference category must submit an application for the permit or license no later than the established application deadline for that approval.

A request to transfer a permit or license under these provisions is subject to the following additional requirements:

- The designee may apply for the transfer only if the person who has been awarded the approval dies before the first day of the season to which the approval is valid.
- If the decedent was a state resident at the time of death and the designated minor applying for the transfer is a nonresident, the minor must pay, at the time of application, the difference between the fee paid by the decedent and the fee required for a nonresident minor.

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/>.

- A minor who receives a transferred approval retains all preference points or preference categories that he or she has previously accumulated.

The Act specifies that a designee may not receive any payment or other consideration for the transfer of preference points, a preference category, or an approval. In addition, the Act authorizes the DNR to promulgate any rules necessary for the administration of these provisions.

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