



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Assembly Bill 229**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 1 and Assembly  
Amendment 1 to Assembly  
Substitute Amendment 1**

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*Current law* establishes a preference system for the issuance of wild turkey hunting licenses by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The preference system includes a first preference for resident landowners who meet certain statutory conditions for obtaining a wild turkey hunting license. To qualify, a resident land owner must own at least 50 acres in one parcel in a wild turkey hunting zone. A resident land owner who is eligible for a wild turkey hunting license under current law may assign that eligibility to a family member, a person who lives on the land and rents it, or a family member of the renter.

*Assembly Bill 229* changes the statutory provision on assignment of eligibility by a resident land owner. Under the bill, the resident land owner may assign eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to any individual.

*Assembly Substitute Amendment 1* retains the current law on assignment of eligibility, and adds authorization for a resident land owner to assign eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to any minor. The substitute amendment further provides that the resident land owner may not receive any payment for making any assignment of eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license.

*Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1* changes the effective date of the Act to January 1, 2007, rather than the first January 1 after publication of the Act. The amendment also expressly states that the treatment of the statutes by the Act (authorization for a resident land owner to assign eligibility to apply for a wild turkey hunting license to a minor) first applies, commencing on the January 1, 2007 effective date of the legislation, to applications for wild turkey hunting licenses submitted after the effective date. The amendment also modifies the effective date of 2005 Wisconsin Act 82, which relates to wildlife damage claims and abatement, from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2006.

**Legislative History**

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Musser on May 26, 2005. The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, on June 1, 2005, recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

Representative Musser offered Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on January 17, 2006. On January 17, 2006, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, and passed the bill, as amended, all on voice votes.

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