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## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

### Testimony on AB 740

Thank you, Chairman Kleefisch for bringing AB 740, a straightforward bill to help our service members, before the Committee on Criminal Justice today. Under current law, you must be a Wisconsin resident to obtain a concealed carry permit. This bill simply allows military personnel who have their orders to be stationed in Wisconsin for at least a year to apply for a Concealed Carry permit without having to give up their home state residency. This bill was brought to my attention by the commander at Fort McCoy as one of several ideas for ways that Wisconsin can be just a little more welcoming to those who serve our country and stay with us for a short time.

I do have an amendment that simply clarifies the language on the length of stay. It's been introduced and the committee clerk sent it out to you yesterday. The amendment makes it clear that so long as a person's orders say that they are to be stationed in Wisconsin for at least a year, they can apply for a permit upon arrival. With some form of concealed carry on the books in all 50 states, I find it perfectly reasonable to allow a trained member of our armed forces to conceal and carry in Wisconsin.

Thank you.