



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 505

November 12, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives TAUCHEN and BIES, cosponsored by Senators COWLES and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.164 (1) (b), 29.164 (1) (c), 29.164 (3) (b) 2. and 29.164 (3) (ci)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** issuance of wild turkey hunting licenses to
3 qualified resident and nonresident landowners.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in issuing turkey hunting licenses, the Department of Natural Resources must use a preference system which gives preferences to residents if the number of license applicants exceeds the number of wild turkey tags that are available for a particular season. Under that system, qualified resident landowners receive first preference in obtaining a wild turkey hunting license and qualified nonresident landowners receive fourth preference. Under current law, an applicant is a qualified landowner if the applicant owns at least 50 acres of land in a single parcel in an established wild turkey hunting zone.

Under the bill, the land may be in more than one parcel but must be located totally in the same wild turkey hunting zone.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 29.164 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 29.164 (1) (b) “Landowner” means the owner of record of ~~a parcel of~~ land or the
2 purchaser of land under a land contract who has the right to occupy and the right to
3 use the land.

4 **SECTION 2.** 29.164 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 29.164 (1) (c) “Operator” means a resident who is residing on ~~a parcel of~~ land
6 under a rental agreement, lease, agreement or contract and who is engaged in farm
7 activities or other operations on the land.

8 **SECTION 3.** 29.164 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 29.164 (3) (b) 2. For purposes of subd. 1., a qualified resident landowner is a
10 resident who owns at least 50 acres ~~in one parcel of~~ land in an established wild turkey
11 hunting zone. If more than one individual is the landowner of ~~a single parcel of the~~
12 land, only one individual may be considered a qualified resident landowner.

13 **SECTION 4.** 29.164 (3) (ci) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 29.164 (3) (ci) *Fourth preference.* The department shall create a 4th preference
15 category in issuing wild turkey hunting licenses to applicants who are qualified
16 nonresident landowners. For purposes of this paragraph, a qualified nonresident
17 landowner is a person who is not a resident and who owns at least 50 acres ~~in one~~
18 ~~parcel~~ in an established wild turkey hunting zone and who agrees to allow other
19 persons to hunt wild turkeys on that land if those persons first obtain permission to
20 hunt from the landowner. If more than one individual is the landowner of ~~a single~~
21 ~~parcel of the~~ land, only one individual may be considered a qualified nonresident
22 landowner.

23 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

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

3 **(END)**