



2009 SENATE BILL 454

January 11, 2010 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, CARPENTER, WIRCH, TAYLOR and KAPANKE, cosponsored by Representatives DANOU, CLARK, BENEDICT, RIPP, HEBL, PETROWSKI, BROOKS, DAVIS, TURNER, HUBLER, BERCEAU, MASON and SHERMAN. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** establishing a deer hunting season for certain persons
2 serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or national guard.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) establishes and maintains open and closed seasons for hunting game animals, including deer. One of the open seasons established by DNR by rule is a nine-day open season for hunting deer with firearms that begins on the Saturday immediately preceding the fourth Thursday in November (regular firearm deer season).

This bill requires DNR to establish an additional season for hunting deer with firearms that begins on February 4, 2010, and that continues through February 7, 2010. Under the bill, the additional season is only open for deer hunting by residents of this state who were outside of this state serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or national guard during the regular firearm deer season that began on November 21, 2009. The bill specifies that a person who hunts during this additional season must, upon DNR's request, provide satisfactory evidence to DNR that he or she meets the requirements for hunting during this additional season.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

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1 (1) HUNTING SEASON FOR ARMED FORCES MEMBERS.

2 (a) In this subsection:

3 1. “Department” means the department of natural resources.

4 2. “Regular firearm deer season” means the season established by the
5 department for hunting deer with firearms that began on November 21, 2009.

6 (b) The department shall establish a special season for hunting deer with
7 firearms that begins on February 4, 2010, and that continues through February 7,
8 2010. The season shall be open for hunting deer only to a person who is a resident
9 of this state and who meets all of the following requirements:

10 1. The person was outside of this state serving on active duty in the U.S. armed
11 forces or national guard during the regular firearm deer season.

12 2. The person, upon the request of the department, provides evidence
13 satisfactory to the department that he or she meets the requirements under subd.

14 1.

15 (END)