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Assembly Bill 75: Relating to: Eligibility for a license to carry a concealed weapon for a member of the US armed forces stationed in Wisconsin

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety

Thank you Chairman Wanggaard and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety for holding a hearing today on Assembly Bill 75, authored by myself and Senator Van Wanggaard. Assembly Bill 75 will make it easier for servicemen and women to obtain a valid Concealed Carry License while they are stationed here in Wisconsin.

Assembly Bill 75 makes one small change to Wisconsin's Concealed Carry Law; it provides that the Department of Justice can issue a license to an individual who is not a resident of this state, as long as they are stationed in Wisconsin for longer than one year. Under current law, the Department can only issue licenses to Wisconsin residents.

The bill still requires the military resident to adhere to the same application process and training standards required for any other Wisconsin resident seeking a permit. Additionally, it requires the military resident to surrender their license at the time they cease to be stationed in this state.

Once again, thank you Chairman and committee members for taking the time to hold a hearing on AB 75, I will be happy to answer any questions.