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Van Roy Bill Takes Wisconsin Hunting Global

MADISON - Hunters from all over the world are one step closer to being able to enjoy Wisconsin's rich hunting tradition more easily thanks to a bill authored by Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard.) which passed today on the Assembly floor. AB 800 creates uniformity in Wisconsin's existing statutes by creating a single standard hunter education requirement that applies uniformly to adults, youths, bow hunters, elk hunters, and general hunting licenses and recognizes certified hunters from other provinces and countries.

"This bill cleans up our current law, allows more hunters to participate in the management of Wisconsin's hunting resources and enjoy our prized hunting traditions, and brings money into the state," said Van Roy. "It's a win-win for everyone, and I am pleased that the Assembly supported this common sense legislation."

Under current law, all people born after 1973 have to take a hunter education course in order to get a hunting license. Some types of hunting licenses recognize hunter education certificates from other provinces and some don't, but none of the statutes make reference to certificates from other countries.

"The DNR estimates that this bill will generate between \$40,000 and \$80,000 per year in increased revenues due to sales of hunting licenses to certified hunters from other countries," stated Van Roy. "This is a fiscal boon to our state not just in terms of more money for the fish and wildlife account for conservation programs, but also in terms of more tourism dollars being spent in Wisconsin."

Both the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters support the bill. AB 800 now moves to a Senate committee for consideration.

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