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Turner Bill Signed by Governor

MADISON, WI – State Representative Robert Turner (D-Racine) announced today that Assembly Bill 370 was signed into law by Governor Doyle at a ceremony at the State Capitol.

Turner authored the bill to streamline the process for military driver's license holders to obtain a Wisconsin commercial driver's license (CDL). This bill would require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to treat a military CDL holder's application the same as the application of someone holding a CDL from another state. Under the new law, the CDL applicant would be allowed a waiver only for the specific vehicles previously authorized by his or her military license. DOT waivers would not include hazardous materials or school bus licensing, and an eye exam will still be required.

"Assembly Bill 370 will offer more job opportunities for Wisconsin veterans and servicemen and women," said Turner. "It will also make it easier for Wisconsin veterans to transition to civilian life and will help our veterans and reservists find good jobs," stressed Turner.

"Every little bit we can do to help our veterans, especially those returning from the Middle East, will enable these brave soldiers to have a little easier time coming back home. I want to help them as much as we can," Turner concluded.

Assembly Bill 370 was a result of bipartisan legislative collaboration, with the assistance of the Wisconsin Departments of Veterans Affairs and Military Affairs, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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