1995 SENATE BILL 134

April 6, 1995 – Introduced by Senators DECKER, BRESKE, BURKE and ZIEN, cosponsored by Representatives SPRINGER, GRONEMUS, BOYLE, SERATTI, MURAT, PLOMBON and HASENOHRL. Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy.

1   AN ACT *to repeal* 29.405 (1) (a) and 29.405 (2) (a); *to consolidate, renumber*

2   *and amend* 29.405 (1) (intro.) and (b) and 29.405 (2) (intro.) and (b); and *to*

3   *amend* 29.405 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** group deer hunting.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person hunting deer must immediately attach to the deer that the hunter kills the tag issued to the hunter with his or her approval to hunt. This requirement does not apply if the deer is killed by a member of a group deer hunting party. Under current law, a member of such a group may kill a deer and use the tag of another group member if the 2 members are within visual or voice contact of each other. In this instance, the hunter killing the deer must make sure that the other member attaches his or her tag to the killed deer without delay.

This bill eliminates the requirement that the 2 members of the group hunting party be in visual or voice contact of each other. The bill also changes the timing requirement for the tagging of the deer to require that the deer be tagged within one–half hour after the deer is killed. The bill prohibits the member of the hunting party who kills the deer from using a telephone, cellular telephone or other electronic means to inform the other members of the kill. The bill also eliminates the requirement under current law that the hunter who kills the deer stay with the deer until it is tagged.

For further information see the *state and local* 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. 29.405 (1) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes are consolidated,

5   renumbered 29.405 (1) and amended to read:

1   29.405 **(1)** In this section: (b) "Group, "group deer hunting party" means 2 or

2   more hunters hunting in a group all using firearms, each of whom holds an

3   individual license to hunt deer.

4   **SECTION 2.** 29.405 (1) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

5   **SECTION 3.**   29.405 (2) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes are consolidated,

6   renumbered 29.405 (2) and amended to read:

7   29.405 **(2)** Any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for

8   another member of the group deer hunting party if both of the following conditions

9   exist: (b) The the person for whom the deer is killed possesses a current unused deer

10   carcass tag which is authorized for use on the deer killed.

11   **SECTION 4.** 29.405 (2) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

12   **SECTION 5.** 29.405 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

13   29.405 **(3)** A person who kills a deer under sub. (2) shall ensure that inform

14   a member of his or her group deer hunting party without delay of the kill and shall

15   ensure that the member attaches a his or her current validated deer carcass tag to

16   the deer in the manner specified under s. 29.40 (2). The person who kills the deer

17   may not leave the deer unattended until after it is tagged within one–half hour after

18   the deer is killed. The person who killed the deer may not use a telephone, cellular

19   mobile telecommunications device, radio or other means of electronic

20   communication to inform any member of the group deer hunting party of the kill.

21   **(END)**