



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 119
[2009 Assembly Bill 332]

**Using Airguns and Crossbows
Under Certain Hunting Licenses**

Act 119 authorizes a person to hunt with an airgun under a resident or nonresident annual small game hunting license, a nonresident fur-bearing animal hunting license, and a nonresident five-day small game hunting license. Under prior law, the use of airguns was authorized in administrative code; Act 119 codifies those provisions in statute.

Act 119 authorizes the use of a crossbow for all of the following:

- Nonresidents age 65 and over under a wild turkey hunting license, a five-day small game hunting license and a fur-bearing animal hunting license, a Class A bear license and an annual small game hunting license;
- Residents age 65 and over under a Class A bear license and an annual small game hunting license.

The provisions in Act 119 relating to hunting with a crossbow under a nonresident archer hunting license were previously enacted in 2009 Wisconsin Act 48 (<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/acts/09Act48.pdf>).

Effective date: Act 119 takes effect on February 26, 2010.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.