



State of Wisconsin
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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 626

November 9, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives MEYERS, KLEEFISCH and MILROY, cosponsored by Senators TIFFANY, BEWLEY, MOULTON and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.014 (1m) (a) and 29.016 (1) (b); and *to create* 29.016 (3) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** establishing an open season for hunting deer with
3 muzzle-loading firearms within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to establish a fall open season for hunting deer within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore that begins before the Saturday immediately preceding the fourth Thursday in November if the season is open for hunting deer only with muzzle-loading firearms.

Under current law, DNR is prohibited from establishing a fall open season for hunting deer with firearms that begins before the Saturday immediately preceding the fourth Thursday in November.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 29.014 (1m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 29.014 (**1m**) (a) If the department establishes an open season for hunting deer,
6 elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a firearm, excluding any season

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1 established under s. 29.016 (3), the season shall also be open for hunting that animal
2 with a crossbow and a bow and arrow.

3 **SECTION 2.** 29.016 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 29.016 (1) (b) Except as provided in ~~sub.~~ subs. (2) and (3), establish a fall open
5 season for hunting deer with firearms that begins before the Saturday immediately
6 preceding the 4th Thursday in November.

7 **SECTION 3.** 29.016 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

8 29.016 (3) The department may establish a fall open season for hunting deer
9 within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore that begins before the Saturday
10 immediately preceding the 4th Thursday in November if the season is open for
11 hunting deer only with muzzle-loading firearms.

12 (END)