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2019 Wisconsin Act 98
[2019 Senate Bill 231]

**Transporting a Bow or Crossbow
on Certain Vehicles**

2019 Wisconsin Act 98 makes changes to state law regarding the placement, possession, and transportation of bows and crossbows in or on various types of vehicles.

BOWS

Under **prior law**, a person could not place, possess, or transport a bow in or on a vehicle unless the bow did not have an arrow nocked.

2019 Wisconsin Act 98 waives this restriction with regard to a bow that is placed or possessed on a vehicle that is stationary, which means not moving, regardless of whether the motor is running.

CROSSBOWS

Under **prior law**, a person could not: (1) operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) while possessing a crossbow; (2) place, possess, or transport a crossbow in or on a motorboat with the motor running; or (3) place, possess, or transport a crossbow in or on a vehicle, unless the crossbow either was not cocked or, if cocked, was unloaded and encased.

In each of the above three settings, **Act 98** removes the requirement that a crossbow, if cocked and unloaded, be encased.

Act 98 also waives the above restrictions with regard to a crossbow that is placed or possessed on an ATV, UTV, or vehicle that is stationary, which means not moving, regardless of whether the motor is running.

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