



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 66

Senate Amendment 1

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Senate Bill 66 creates an exemption from the current statutory requirement to wear blaze orange clothing during the season for the hunting of deer with firearms. Under the current statute, during the gun deer season, no one may hunt any game except waterfowl during that season unless 50% of each article of the person's outer clothing above the waist is of blaze orange. There are now gun deer seasons when hunting raccoons, fox, and coyotes is allowed at night. Senate Bill 66 creates an exemption from the requirement to wear blaze orange clothing while hunting at night during the gun deer season if the person is hunting for game other than deer that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authorizes to be hunted during that gun deer season.

Senate Amendment 1 deletes hunting "at night" and substitutes "from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise." This makes the bill correspond more closely with the hours of the gun deer season, which are from 30 minutes before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Leibham on May 15, 2005. The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 66, as amended, by separate votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0 on December 15, 2005.

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