



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 384

**Assembly Amendments
1 and 2**

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Assembly Bill 384 expands the types of weapons that may be used under certain hunting licenses.

The bill specifies that under a deer, elk, wild turkey, small game, and Class A bear hunting license a person may hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow, or a crossbow, and removes the requirement that a person must be at least 65 years old or be disabled and hold a crossbow permit in order to hunt with a crossbow under any of those licenses.

The bill further specifies that when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) establishes an open season for hunting deer, elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a firearm, the season must also be open for hunting that animal with a crossbow and a bow and arrow.

Finally, the bill specifies that if the DNR establishes an open season for hunting deer, elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a bow and arrow, but not with a firearm, then the DNR may not allow hunting with a crossbow except for persons who are authorized under current law to use a crossbow because of age or disability.

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the general prohibition on people under age 12 from hunting to specify that no person under age 12 may hunt with a crossbow.

Assembly Amendment 2 clarifies that no person may use a crossbow for hunting unless the crossbow meets the specifications as provided under current law.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 were introduced by Representative Tauchen on January 27, 2012. On February 1, 2012, the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended adoption of

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, all on votes of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

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