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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 944

February 24, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives TITTL, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, JAMES, KRUG, KURTZ, MAGNAFICI, MILROY, MURSAU, PRONSCHINSKE, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI and WITKE, cosponsored by Senators FEYEN and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 29.172, 29.217, 29.235 (2) (dm), 29.235 (2m) (dm), 29.563 (2)
2 (a) 8r., 29.563 (2) (a) 8t. and 29.563 (2g); and *to amend* 29.014 (1m) (b), 29.171
3 (2), 29.185 (2) (b), 29.216 (2), 29.563 (12) (a) 2., 29.563 (12m), 29.593 (1) (b) and
4 29.593 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** combining the archer and crossbow
5 hunting licenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that an archer hunting license authorizes hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow.

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources issues resident and nonresident crossbow hunting licenses that authorize hunting only with a crossbow. DNR issues separate resident and nonresident archer licenses that authorize hunting with a bow and arrow. Current law also provides that, if DNR establishes an open season for hunting deer, elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a bow and arrow only, it must also establish an open season for hunting that animal with a crossbow.

The bill eliminates the resident and nonresident crossbow licenses and provides that resident and nonresident archer licenses authorize hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow. The bill provides that, if DNR establishes an open season for hunting deer, elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a bow and arrow or crossbow but not with a firearm, DNR must allow the use of both bow and arrow and crossbow for hunting during the same open season.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 29.014 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 29.014 (1m) (b) If the department establishes an open season for hunting deer,
3 elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a bow and arrow or crossbow but not with
4 a firearm, the department shall ~~also establish an open season for~~ permit the hunting
5 of the respective game with both a bow and arrow and a crossbow during the open
6 season.

7 **SECTION 2.** 29.171 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 29.171 (2) A resident archer hunting license authorizes the hunting of all
9 game, except bear, elk, and wild turkey, during the open seasons established by the
10 department for hunting that game with bow and arrow or crossbow.

11 **SECTION 3.** 29.172 of the statutes is repealed.

12 **SECTION 4.** 29.185 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 29.185 (2) (b) *Archer licenses, ~~crossbow licenses,~~ and trapping licenses.*
14 Notwithstanding ss. 29.171 (2), ~~29.172 (2),~~ 29.216 (2), ~~29.217 (2),~~ and 29.241 (3), a
15 resident archer hunting license, a nonresident archer hunting license, ~~a resident~~
16 ~~crossbow hunting license, a nonresident crossbow hunting license,~~ or a trapping
17 license does not authorize the hunting or trapping of wolves.

18 **SECTION 5.** 29.216 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 29.216 (2) AUTHORIZATION. The nonresident archer hunting license authorizes
20 the hunting of all game, except bear, elk, wild turkey, and fur-bearing animals,

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1 during the open season for the hunting of that game with a bow and arrow or
2 crossbow.

3 **SECTION 6.** 29.217 of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 7.** 29.235 (2) (dm) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 8.** 29.235 (2m) (dm) of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 9.** 29.563 (2) (a) 8r. of the statutes is repealed.

7 **SECTION 10.** 29.563 (2) (a) 8t. of the statutes is repealed.

8 **SECTION 11.** 29.563 (2g) of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 12.** 29.563 (12) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 29.563 (12) (a) 2. Archer, ~~crossbow~~, sports, or conservation patron, except as
11 provided in subd. 2m: \$11.25.

12 **SECTION 13.** 29.563 (12m) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 29.563 (12m) **DUPLICATES OF REDUCED FEE APPROVALS.** Notwithstanding the fees
14 specified under sub. (12) (a) and (b), a person who was issued an approval and
15 charged the reduced fee specified under sub. ~~(2g)~~ or (6m) may not be charged a fee
16 for a duplicate of that approval that exceeds the fee specified for the approval under
17 sub. ~~(2g)~~ or (6m).

18 **SECTION 14.** 29.593 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 29.593 (1) (b) A certificate of accomplishment issued to a person for successfully
20 completing the course under the bow hunter education program only authorizes the
21 person to obtain a resident archer hunting license, or a nonresident archer hunting
22 license, ~~a resident crossbow hunting license, or a nonresident crossbow hunting~~
23 ~~license.~~

24 **SECTION 15.** 29.593 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

