



1995 SENATE BILL 578

February 28, 1996 - Introduced by Senators BRESKE, DECKER, ANDREA and GROBSCHMIDT, cosponsored by Representatives AINSWORTH, POWERS, LORGE, TURNER, DOBYNS, ZUKOWSKI, ZIEGELBAUER, MEYER, HASENOHRL and BOYLE. Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.104 (4) (a) (intro.); and **to create** 29.104 (4) (am) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** issuing crossbow hunting permits to persons who are
3 physically unable to use a bow and arrow.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may receive a permit from the department of natural resources to hunt with a crossbow if the person has suffered a disability affecting certain upper extremities, such as a hand or certain fingers, and if the person is unable to use a bow and arrow. If the disability involves a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both hands, arms or shoulders, a crossbow permit may not be issued unless the person fails certain strength tests. Under current law, a licensed physician must administer these upper extremity strength tests. Under this bill, a person is also eligible for a crossbow permit if a licensed physician certifies in writing that the person is physically unable to hunt with a bow and arrow.

For further information see the *state* 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 29.104 (4) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
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6 any person a crossbow permit to hunt with a crossbow meeting the specifications of

1 par. (b) ~~if the person is unable to use a bow and arrow and~~ if the person meets any
2 of the following:

3 **SECTION 2.** 29.104 (4) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

4 29.104 (4) (am) After proper application, the department shall issue to any
5 person a crossbow permit to hunt with a crossbow meeting the specifications of par.
6 (b) if a licensed physician certifies in writing that the person is physically unable to
7 use a bow and arrow.

8 (END)