



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 732

January 27, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives GRONEMUS, SYKORA, BAUMGART, MUSSEY, ZUKOWSKI, LADWIG, GROTHMAN and SPRINGER, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Small Business and Economic Development.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.40 (2m) (a), 29.40 (2m) (b), 29.48 (1) (a) 1., 29.578 (8) and
2 29.578 (14) (b) 3.; and **to create** 29.40 (2m) (c) and 29.48 (1r) of the statutes;
3 **relating to:** the distribution of meat from deer carcasses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person, except the department of natural resources in certain circumstances, may sell deer carcasses or meat. This bill creates an exception to this general prohibition for persons who receive deer carcasses for processing from persons who fail to pick up the deer meat once it is processed. Under the bill, these processors may sell the deer meat at a price that equals the cost of processing the meat.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 29.40 (2m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 29.40 (2m) (a) A deer carcass tag attached under sub. (2) and a registration tag
6 attached by the department or a car kill tag attached under sub. (5) may be removed
7 from a gutted carcass at the time of butchering, but the person who ~~killed or obtained~~

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1 possesses the deer carcass or meat shall retain ensure that all tags remain with the
2 carcass or meat until the meat is consumed.

3 **SECTION 2.** 29.40 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 29.40 **(2m)** (b) Any person who ~~retains a tag under par. (a)~~ possesses a deer
5 carcass or meat from a deer the person has killed may give the deer carcass or meat
6 to another person. The

7 (d) A person who receives the gift of deer carcass or meat under par. (b) or (c)
8 is not required to possess a tag.

9 **SECTION 3.** 29.40 (2m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

10 29.40 **(2m)** (c) A person who is butchering or processing a deer carcass for
11 another person who left the carcass for butchering or processing may give the deer
12 meat to another person if the person who left the carcass fails to claim the deer meat.

13 **SECTION 4.** 29.48 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 29.48 **(1)** (a) 1. Deer, bear, squirrel, game bird, game fish or the carcass thereof
15 at any time except as provided in sub. (1r).

16 **SECTION 5.** 29.48 (1r) of the statutes is created to read:

17 29.48 **(1r)** A person who is butchering or processing a deer carcass for another
18 person who left the carcass for butchering or processing may sell the deer meat to
19 another person for an amount that is equal to cost of butchering or processing if the
20 person who left the carcass fails to claim the deer meat.

21 **SECTION 6.** 29.578 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 29.578 **(8)** After a deer is so killed and tagged the entire carcass only shall be
23 sold and transported, except as provided in sub. (14). The tag must remain on the
24 carcass while in transit. A deer farm tag may be removed from a gutted carcass at
25 the time of butchering, but the person who ~~killed or obtained~~ possesses the deer

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1 carcass or meat shall retain ensure that the tag remains with the carcass or meat
2 until the meat is consumed.

3 **SECTION 7.** 29.578 (14) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 29.578 (14) (b) 3. It shall contain the name and address of the applicant
5 together with the name and address of the premises where the venison will be
6 retained and served, together with the source of the venison, the sex, approximate
7 weight and deer farm tag numbers of the carcass. The deer farm tag may be removed
8 from a gutted carcass at the time of butchering, but the person who ~~killed or obtained~~
9 possesses the deer carcass or meat shall retain ensure that the tag remains with the
10 carcass or meat until the venison is consumed.

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