

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 153

February 23, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives PETTIS, SUDER, JOHNSRUD, FREESE, ALBERS, MUSSER, McCORMICK, GRONEMUS, GUNDRUM, OWENS, SHERMAN, SERATTI, PLOUFF, PETROWSKI and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senators SHIBILSKI, ROESSLER and ZIEN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 29.164 (2) (b) and 29.171 (4) (b) (intro.); and **to create** 29.171  
2           (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing resident senior citizens to hunt  
3           with a crossbow.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person who is a resident of this state may hunt all game, except bear and wild turkey, with a bow and arrow if the person is issued a resident archer hunting license by the department of natural resources (DNR). A resident may hunt wild turkey with a bow and arrow if the person is issued a wild turkey hunting license. A resident who holds one of these licenses and who has certain disabilities may also hunt with a crossbow if the resident obtains a permit from DNR.

This bill provides that a person who is a resident senior citizen and who holds an archer hunting license or a wild turkey hunting license may use a crossbow to hunt the game authorized under that license without obtaining a permit from DNR.

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

4           **SECTION 1.** 29.164 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5           29.164 **(2)** (b) *Type of hunting authorized.* A license issued under this section  
6           authorizes hunting with a firearm or bow and arrow or with a crossbow if the holder

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1 of the license is a resident and has a Class A, Class B or Class C permit issued under  
2 s. 29.193 (2) that authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has a crossbow permit issued  
3 under s. 29.171 (4) (a), or is a resident senior citizen.

4 **SECTION 2.** 29.171 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 29.171 **(2m)** Notwithstanding sub. (2), a resident archer hunting license  
6 authorizes hunting with a bow and arrow or with a crossbow if the licensee is a  
7 resident senior citizen. A resident senior citizen is not required to hold a permit from  
8 the department to hunt with a crossbow if the resident senior citizen holds a license  
9 under this section.

10 **SECTION 3.** 29.171 (4) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 29.171 **(4)** (b) (intro.) Crossbows used in hunting as authorized by a Class A,  
12 Class B or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) or under this subsection or as  
13 authorized under sub. (2m) or s. 29.164 (2) (b) shall meet all of the following  
14 specifications:

15 (END)