ASSEMBLY BILL 424 (LRB-1583)

An Act to renumber and amend 29.347 (3); and to create 29.347 (3) (b) and 29.539 (7) of the statutes; relating to: control and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or an elk. 2003

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08-20.	A.	Introduced by Representatives Gunderson, Suder, Hahn, Hines, Krawczyk, Musser, Olsen, Ott,	
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June 27, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives Gunderson, Suder, Hahn, Hines, Krawczyk, Musser, Olsen, Ott, Owens and Petrowski, cosponsored by Senators Zien, Schultz, A. Lasee and Lassa. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

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29.539 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** control and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or an elk.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may not possess the green head or green skin of a wild deer or elk during the period beginning 30 days after the close of the hunting season and ending on the opening of the succeeding hunting season. In addition, unless authorized by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), no one may at any time possess a wild deer or elk head with velvet antlers or a deer or an elk in the red, blue, or spotted coat.

Under this bill, a person may possess a deer or an elk head with velvet antlers or a deer or an elk in the spotted coat if the deer or elk was lawfully killed and tagged and the person has received authorization from DNR to possess the antlers or skin.

Currently, most persons may not sell, barter, buy, or trade the carcasses of wild deer or elk, regardless of whether the deer or elk was lawfully killed. This bill allows a person to sell, barter, buy, or trade the tails and skulls of any deer or elk lawfully killed, the antlers of any deer or elk lawfully killed that are not velvet, and the skins of any deer or elk lawfully killed that are not in the spotted coat.

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

ASSEMBLY BILL 424

SECTION 1. 29.347 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 29.347 (3) (a) and amended to read:

29.347 (3) (a) The Except as provided in par. (b), the control or possession of the head and or skin of any deer or elk lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass, are not subject to this chapter; but no person may have possession or control of the green head or green skin of a deer or elk during the period beginning 30 days after the close of the applicable season and the opening of the succeeding applicable season. Unless authorized by the department, no person may at any time have possession or control of a deer or elk head in the velvet or a deer or elk skin in the red, blue, or spotted coat.

Section 2. 29.347 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

29.347 (3) (b) No person may possess or control deer or elk antlers in the velvet or a deer or an elk skin in the spotted coat of a lawfully killed deer or elk unless the person to whom the carcass tag for the deer or elk was issued, or the person who had the deer tagged under sub. (5), has requested and received authorization from the department to control or possess the antlers or skin. A request for written authorization from the department shall be made within 7 days after the carcass tag has been attached to the deer or elk.

SECTION 3. 29.539 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

29.539 (7) Subsection (1) does not apply to the tails and skulls of any deer or elk lawfully killed, to the antlers of any deer or elk lawfully killed that are not in the velvet, and to the skins of any deer or elk lawfully killed that are not in the spotted coat.