2003 Assembly Bill 424

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2003 WISCONSIN ACT 247

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.

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

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.

^{*} Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2001–02 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].