

**2003 DRAFTING REQUEST**

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Transportation and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or elk.

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The following is the current language with our 2<sup>nd</sup> draft (from Wednesday January 15, 2003) with suggested deletions indicated by ~~strikeout~~ lines and new language to add is underlined.

**29.347(3) Heads and skins.** Except as required by sub.(3)(a), the transportation and possession of the head and 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.

(a) Unless authorized by the department, no person may at any time have possession or control of a deer or elk antlers head in the velvet or a deer or elk skin in the red, blue, or spotted coat; but deer and elk with antlers in the velvet or with a spotted coat may be killed during the open season provided the animal is taken in compliance with all other rules related to the killing and tagging of these animals. Each person who has killed a deer or elk or if s. 29.324, Stats., applies, the person who has tagged such a deer during the open season or under special permit issued by the department, shall contact the department to receive written authorization for a person to retain possession of the velvet antlers or skin in the spotted coat after being severed from the rest of the registered carcass. Written authorization shall be obtained within 7 days after the animal is registered as required by the department or tagged in accordance with s. 29.347(5), Stats., if a car killed deer. If the velvet antlers or spotted coat are not to be retained by any person after being severed from the registered carcass, no special written authorization is required.

(b) Written authorization issued under sub. (a) to possess velvet antlers or the spotted coat from deer or elk only authorize possession and not sale.

**29.539 Sale of game or fish.**

(1) (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided under this chapter, no person may sell, buy, barter or trade, or offer to sell, buy, barter or trade or have in possession or under control for the purpose of sale, barter or trade any of the following:

1. Deer, elk, bear, squirrel, game bird, game fish, or the carcass of any of these wild animals at any time.
2. Any other wild animal or its carcass during the closed season for that wild animal.

(4) The tails and skin of any squirrel and the tails, skins, skulls or antlers of any deer or elk, except antlers in velvet and deer skins in the spotted coat, lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass are exempted from this section.

**Background Information:**

29.001(18) "Carcass" means the dead body of any wild animal, including any part of the wild animal or the eggs of the wild animal.

(cont. on back)

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# Scott Gunderson



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## MEMO

**Date:** January 15, 2003

**From:** State Rep. Scott Gunderson

**To:** Robin Kite

**Re:** Drafting Instructions

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Robin,

I would like to have legislation drafted regarding ss 29.347(3). I am including an attachment that illustrates what changes are necessary.

If you have any questions, please call my office and speak to Mike or myself at 266-3363.



PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 AN ACT ...; relating to: transportation and possession of the head, antlers, or skin  
2 of a deer or elk.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This is a preliminary draft. An analysis will be provided in a later version.

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

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

5 29.347 (3) (a) The Except as provided in par. (b), the transportation,  
6 possession, and control of the head and or skin of any deer or elk lawfully killed, when  
7 severed from the rest of the carcass, are not subject to this chapter; ~~but no person may~~  
8 ~~have possession or control of the green head or green skin of a deer or elk during the~~  
9 ~~period beginning 30 days after the close of the applicable season and the opening of~~  
10 ~~the succeeding applicable season.~~

*Why transportation?  
See s. 29.357  
Change title?*

*unless the person possesses or controls the antlers or skin by killing the deer or elk*

1 (b) 1. Unless authorized by the department, no No person may at any time have  
2 possession ~~possess~~ or control of a deer or elk head antlers in the velvet or ~~a~~ deer or  
3 ~~an~~ elk skin in the red, blue, or spotted coat, ~~except that deer and elk with antlers in~~  
4 ~~the velvet or a deer or an elk skin with a spotted coat may be killed and possessed~~  
5 ~~during the open season provided the animal is killed and possessed~~ in compliance  
6 ~~with the rules of the department.~~

*registration tag or carcass tag?*

History: 1975 c. 97, 199; 1983 a. 546; 1991 a. 269, 316; 1995 a. 79, 126; 1997 a. 248 s. 504; Stats. 1997 s. 29.347; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16, 56, 109; s. 13.93 (2) (c).

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

8 29.347 (3) (b) 2. Each person who has tagged a deer or an elk during the open  
9 season or under a special permit issued by the department may contact the  
10 department to receive written authorization to retain possession of the antlers in the  
11 velvet or skin with a spotted coat that have been removed from the rest of the carcass.  
12 The person shall request written authorization within 7 days after the animal is  
13 registered as required by the department or is tagged under sub. (5). Written  
14 authorization issued under this subdivision ~~will~~ <sup>s only</sup> authorize the possession of antlers  
15 in the velvet or skin with a spotted coat, not their sale.

16 SECTION 3. 29.539 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

17 29.539 (4m) The tails, skins, skulls, or antlers severed from the rest of the  
18 carcass of any deer or elk that is lawfully killed, except antlers in the velvet and deer  
19 skins in the spotted coat, are exempt from the provisions of this section.

20 (END)



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10 applicable season. Unless authorized by the department, no person may at any time

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2 ~~the red, blue, or spotted coat.~~

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

4 29.347 (3) (b) ~~Text~~. No person may possess or control deer or elk antlers in the  
5 velvet or a deer or an elk skin in the spotted coat of a lawfully killed deer or elk unless  
6 the person to whom the carcass tag for the deer or elk was issued, or the person who  
7 had the deer tagged under sub. (5) has requested written authorization from the  
8 department to control or possess the antlers or skin. A request for written  
9 authorization from the department shall be submitted within 7 days after the  
10 carcass tag has been attached to the deer or elk. The department shall prepare a form  
11 for requesting the authorization required under this paragraph that includes a copy  
12 that is retained by the requester and indicates when the request was submitted to  
13 the department.

14 History: 1975 c. 97, 199; 1983 a. 546; 1991 a. 269, 316; 1995 a. 79, 126; 1997 a. 248 s. 504; Stats. 1997 s. 29.347; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16, 56, 109; s. 13.93 (2) (c).

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10 carcass tag has been attached to the deer or elk. The department shall prepare a form  
11 for requesting the authorization required under this <sup>i</sup>paragraph that includes a copy  
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13 the department.

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(END)

**Nelson, Robert P.**

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**From:** Mentkowski, Annie  
**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2003 9:15 AM  
**To:** Nelson, Robert P.  
**Subject:** FW: Draft review: LRB 03-1583/P1 Topic: Transportation and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or elk.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bruhn, Mike  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2003 3:05 PM  
**To:** Mentkowski, Annie  
**Subject:** RE: Draft review: LRB 03-1583/P1 Topic: Transportation and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or elk.

Can we incorporate the changes brought up by the Department of Natural Resources?

Thanks,

Mike Bruhn  
Rep. Gunderson's office

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mentkowski, Annie  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2003 4:27 PM  
**To:** Rep.Gunderson  
**Subject:** Draft review: LRB 03-1583/P1 Topic: Transportation and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or elk.

**Following is the PDF version of draft LRB 03-1583/P1.**

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14 the department.

15 *Nothing in writing!* (END)

16 Written authorization issued by the department under this subsection to possess deer or elk  
17 antlers in the velvet or a deer or an elk skin in the spotted coat does not authorize sale.

18 SECTION 3. 29.539 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:  
19 29.539 (4) The tails and skin of any squirrel and the tails, skins, skulls and antlers of  
20 any deer or elk, except antlers in velvet and deer or elk skins in the spotted coat,  
21 lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass are exempted from this  
22 section.

*(Not needed  
see  
29.539(a)  
(b) - includes  
carcasses  
want to  
be able  
to sell*

Comments (2-20-03)

Mike, I have highlighted the several changes we would like to see. We really do not want to have to create more paperwork for the hunter to have to complete or for our staff to have to print, review and file. I do not think it is necessary to require a form be developed and distributed statewide to all our field offices that the hunter must obtain, complete and submit simply to obtain a permit to keep his/her velvet antlers or spotted hide. The number of requests received annually is minimal and the way we have always handled these is with a simply phone call from the hunter.

In the past, hunters have simply called their local DNR Office or warden and advise they would like to keep the velvet antlers or spotted hide from a deer they harvested. The warden then arranges a convenient time and location to meet with the person, inspect the item to make sure it was taken lawfully and issues the written authorization/tag. A copy of the authorization is kept at the local field office and a copy is submitted to our central office in Madison. We would like to keep it simple.

I have also added lines 16 through 22 at the end of the draft proposal.

Lines 16 & 17 were included in our original draft to clarify that the person could not turn around and sell velvet antlers or spotted hides from wild deer or elk ~~after obtaining the written authorization~~. The taxidermist association supported this. If selling these parts is legalized, it will likely result in illegal harvest and trade of these items.

The amended section 3, added as lines 18 through 22 was also part of our previous proposal. Without this additional language, it would not be legal for a hunter to sell their deer hides, deer capes, antlers or skulls as they have always been allowed to do in the past. We do not want to prevent this from continuing.

Let me know if you have any questions.

*How does adding language  
change current law*

Tom Van Haren  
Dept. of Natural Resources  
Bureau of Law Enforcement

266-3244



*D Note* OTHER

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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RPN:wlj:dg

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2 SECTION ~~A~~. 29.539 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

3 29.539 (7) Subsection (1) does not apply to the tails and skulls of any deer or

4 elk lawfully killed, to the antlers of any deer or elk lawfully killed that are not in

5 <sup>the</sup> velvet and to the skins of any deer or elk lawfully killed that are not in the spotted

6 coat.

DRAFTER'S NOTE  
FROM THE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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RPN:wj:rw

I did make some of the changes suggested by the department, but did not include the suggested language about authorization under ~~now~~ <sup>proposed</sup> s. 29.347 (3) (b) not authorizing sale because s. 29.539 explicitly prohibits such sale. <sup>I</sup>

~~I renumbered and reworded~~ <sup>Instead of</sup> the suggested language in s. 29.539 (4) because having an exception to an exception is very confusing. <sup>I created s. 29.539(2)</sup>

Robert P. Nelson  
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**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
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February 25, 2003

I did make some of the changes suggested by the department, but I did not include the suggested language about authorization under proposed s. 29.347 (3) (b) not authorizing sale because s. 29.539 explicitly prohibits such sale.

Instead of the suggested language in s. 29.539 (4), I created s. 29.539 (7) because having an exception to an exception is very confusing.

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**Barman, Mike**

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**From:** Bruhn, Mike

**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2003 11:52 AM

**To:** Barman, Mike

**Subject:** RE: Draft review: LRB 03-1583/P2 Topic: Transportation and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or elk.

Please jacket for introduction.

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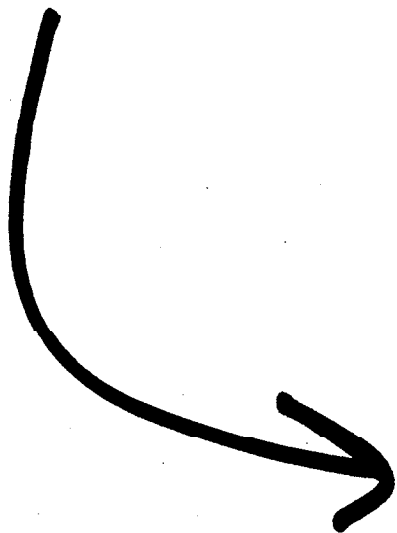
**From:** Barman, Mike

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2003 11:09 AM

**To:** Rep.Gunderson

**Subject:** Draft review: LRB 03-1583/P2 Topic: Transportation and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or elk.

Following is the PDF version of draft LRB 03-1583/P2 and drafter's note.



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2003 - 2004 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1583/P2

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~~PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION~~

**REGEN**

1 AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 29.347 (3); and *to create* 29.347 (3) (b) and  
2 29.539 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** control and possession of the head,  
3 antlers, or skin of a deer or an elk.

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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~~This is a preliminary draft. An analysis will be provided in a later version.~~

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

4 SECTION 1. 29.347 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 29.347 (3) (a) and amended  
5 to read:  
6 29.347 (3) (a) The Except as provided in par. (b), the control or possession of the  
7 head and or skin of any deer or elk lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the  
8 carcass, are not subject to this chapter; ~~but no person may have possession or control~~  
9 ~~of the green head or green skin of a deer or elk during the period beginning 30 days~~  
10 ~~after the close of the applicable season and the opening of the succeeding applicable~~



2003-2004 DRAFTING INSERT  
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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), ~~currently~~ 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 (an) elk lawfully killed that are not velvet, and the skins of any deer or elk lawfully killed that are not in the spotted coat.

**Mentkowski, Annie**

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**From:** Bruhn, Mike  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2003 10:22 AM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft review: LRB 03-1583/1 Topic: Transportation and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or elk.

It has been requested by <Bruhn, Mike> that the following draft be jacketed for the ASSEMBLY:

Draft review: LRB 03-1583/1 Topic: Transportation and possession of the head, antlers, or skin of a deer or elk.