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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 75</b> [2003 Senate Bill 122]	<b>Use of Laser Sighting Devices by Visually Handicapped Hunters</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

2003 Wisconsin Act 75 authorizes a person who is visually handicapped and who holds the appropriate approvals from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to use a laser sighting device while hunting with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow and accompanied by another person who is not disabled or visually handicapped.

Current law authorizes a visually handicapped person who holds an appropriate hunting license to hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow if the person obtains a permit from the DNR and is accompanied by another person who is not disabled or visually handicapped. Current law also provides that, in general, no person may use, or possess with intent to use, a light for the purpose of shining deer, elk, bear, or other wild animals while the person is hunting. Act 75 creates an exception to the general prohibition against shining wild animals for a person who is visually handicapped to use a laser sighting device while hunting with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow, if the person meets the conditions identified above for a visually handicapped person to hunt.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.