

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 286

April 4, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives KESTELL, GUNDERSON, M. WILLIAMS, HINES, PETTIS, MOLEPSKE, OWENS, MUSSER, HAHN, OTT, MURSAU, ALBERS, KREIBICH, LOTHIAN, NERISON and KRAWCZYK, cosponsored by Senators REYNOLDS and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.171 (4) (b) (intro.); and **to create** 29.171 (4) (bc) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** bows used for hunting.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, crossbows may be used for hunting by persons with certain disabilities, persons who are visually handicapped, and residents who are age 65 or older. For a crossbow to be used in hunting, it must meet certain specifications, including a minimum draw weight of 100 pounds. If a compound bow has a device that holds the bow at full draw (a draw-lock), that compound bow is considered a crossbow.

This bill eliminated the 100-pound draw weight minimum for compound bows that are equipped with a device that holds the bow at full draw.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.171 (4) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 29.171 **(4)** (b) (intro.) ~~Crossbows~~ Except as provide in par. (bc), crossbows used
5 in hunting as authorized by a Class A, Class B or Class C permit issued under s.
6 29.193 (2) or under this subsection or as authorized under sub. (2m) or s. 29.164 (2)
7 (b) shall meet all of the following specifications:

