

2007 SENATE BILL 230

July 12, 2007 – Introduced by Senators DECKER, BRESKE, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, A. LASEE, LASSA, ROESSLER and GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives GUNDERSON, MURSAU, OWENS, HAHN, PETROWSKI and ALBERS. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.324 (1) (b), 29.324 (2) (intro.) and 29.324 (3); and *to create*
2 29.324 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** group deer hunting by persons using
3 bows and arrows.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides that if two or more persons are hunting in a group and each of those persons holds a deer hunting license and is hunting with a firearm, then one of the members of the group may kill a deer for another member of the group under certain circumstances. Those circumstances require that the person who kills the deer must be in contact with the person for whom the deer is killed and the person for whom the deer is killed must possess a current unused deer carcass tag authorized for use on that deer.

This bill authorizes certain persons hunting in a group with bows and arrows also to kill a deer for another member of the group. Under the bill, if two or more persons are hunting in a group, and each of those persons holds a deer hunting license and is hunting with a bow and arrow, then one of the members of the group may kill a deer for another member of the group if that deer is an antlerless deer. As with the restrictions on group deer hunting with firearms under current law, a member of a group deer hunting party using bows and arrows who kills an antlerless deer for another member of the group must be in contact with the person for whom the antlerless deer is killed, and the person for whom the antlerless deer is killed

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must possess a current unused deer carcass tag authorized for use on that antlerless deer.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 29.324 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 29.324 (1) (b) “Group deer hunting party” means 2 or more hunters hunting in
3 a group ~~all using firearms~~, each of whom holds an individual license to hunt deer.

4 **SECTION 2.** 29.324 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 29.324 (2) (intro.) Any member of a group deer hunting party, the members of
6 which are all using firearms, may kill a deer for another member of the group deer
7 hunting party if both of the following conditions exist:

8 **SECTION 3.** 29.324 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

9 29.324 (2m) Any member of a group deer hunting party, the members of which
10 are all using bows and arrows, may kill an antlerless deer for another member of the
11 group deer hunting party if all of the following conditions exist:

12 (a) At the time and place of the kill, the person who kills the antlerless deer is
13 in contact with the person for whom the antlerless deer is killed.

14 (b) The person for whom the antlerless deer is killed possesses a current unused
15 deer carcass tag that is authorized for use on the antlerless deer killed.

16 **SECTION 4.** 29.324 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 29.324 (3) A person who kills a deer under sub. (2) or (2m) shall ensure that
18 a member of his or her group deer hunting party without delay attaches a current
19 validated deer carcass tag to the deer in the manner specified under s. 29.347 (2).

