

2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 86

February 24, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives HUBLER, ZIEGELBAUER, BERCEAU, VRUWINK, GUNDERSON, TOWNSEND, MURTHA, MOLEPSKE JR., BIES, M. WILLIAMS and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Senators HOLPERIN, LEHMAN, VINEHOUT, SCHULTZ and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Fish and Wildlife.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 29.216 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing hunting
2 of certain game with a crossbow by nonresidents who have attained the age of
3 65 years.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources may issue an archer hunting license to any resident applying for the license and may issue a nonresident archer hunting license to any nonresident applying for the license. Both licenses authorize the hunting of certain game with a bow and arrow, including deer.

Current law also provides that a person who has attained the age of 65 may hunt under a resident archer hunting license with a crossbow as well as a bow and arrow. This bill expands this authority so that under a nonresident archer hunting license, a nonresident who has attained the age of 65 may also hunt with a crossbow.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 29.216 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:
5 29.216 **(2m)** PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. Notwithstanding sub. (2), a
6 nonresident archer hunting license authorizes hunting with a bow and arrow or with

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1 a crossbow if the licensee is a person who has attained the age of 65. A person who
2 has attained the age of 65 is not required to hold a permit from the department to
3 hunt with a crossbow if he or she holds a license under this section.

4 (END)