



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2009 Assembly Bill 222**

**Assembly  
Amendments 1, 2, and 3**

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**Current law** sets the minimum age for hunting at 12 years of age. A person under the age of 12 may possess a firearm only if enrolled in a hunter's education class, is carrying the firearm to or from the class, cased, unloaded, and under the supervision of a parent or guardian, or is handling or operating the firearm during the class under supervision of the instructor.

**Assembly Bill 222**, among other things, creates an exception from the restriction on the possession and control of a firearm by a person under age 12 if he or she is engaged in target practice and is accompanied by a parent or guardian, or accompanied by a person who is age 18 or over and designated by the parent or guardian. **Assembly Amendment 1** specifies that "target practice" includes trap shooting or a similar sport shooting activity regardless of whether the activity involves shooting at a fixed or moving target.

**Assembly Bill 222**, among other things, creates a hunting mentorship program. One requirement under this program is that the mentor and the mentee may jointly have only one firearm, or if hunting with a crossbow, only one crossbow, in their possession or control while hunting. **Assembly Amendment 2** adds the requirement that the mentor and mentee may jointly have only one bow in their possession or control while hunting.

**Assembly Bill 222**, if enacted, would take effect on the first day after the date of publication. **Assembly Amendment 3** provides that the bill, if enacted, would take effect on September 1, 2009.

### Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Vruwink on May 8, 2009. On May 13, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Fish and Wildlife recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Molepske Jr. on May 8, 2009. On May 13, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Fish and Wildlife recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 1.

Assembly Amendment 3 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Fish and Wildlife on May 13, 2009. On the same date, the committee recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 3 on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 1.

On May 13, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Fish and Wildlife recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

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