



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 222	Senate Substitute Amendment 2
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Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to 2009 Senate Bill 222 would do all of the following:

Group Deer Hunting

- Eliminate the requirement that members of a group deer hunting party must be in voice or visual contact.
- Extend the time in which a group member may tag a deer to within one hour of the kill.
- Eliminate the requirement that the hunter that kills a deer may not leave it unattended between the time of the kill and the time that another member of the hunting group tags the deer.
- Require the person who kills the deer to contact the person in the group deer hunting party who will tag the deer as soon as is practicable.
- Allow a deer to be field dressed before being tagged by a group member.

Unencased Firearms, Bows, and Crossbows

- Bows and crossbows: Remove the restriction that a bow or crossbow that is not unstrung must be encased to be in or on a stationary or moving vehicle, as long as the bow or crossbow is not armed with an arrow or bolt.
- Firearms in stationary, unoccupied vehicles: Allow the placement of an unencased, unloaded firearm in or on a stationary, unoccupied vehicle if the firearm is, and was manufactured to be, at least 26" in length.

- Firearms transported in vehicles: Allow the transport of an unloaded, unencased firearm in or on a vehicle if:
 - The firearm is, and was manufactured to be, at least 26” in length.
 - The transport occurs during an open hunting season in which the person transporting the firearm is licensed to hunt, and the firearm transported is authorized for use in that hunting season.
 - The transport occurs no earlier than 60 minutes before sunrise no later than 60 minutes after sunset.
 - The transport occurs only while travelling to or from a site the person intends to hunt or has lawfully hunted that day.
 - Except during the regular nine-day regular deer firearm season, the firearm is in the bed of a pickup truck that contains no passengers, in the closed trunk of a vehicle, or if the vehicle does not have a trunk, in the rearmost area of a vehicle that is not used, or intended to be used, for seating.
- These exemptions for unencased firearms would not apply on school grounds.
- These exemptions for unencased firearms, bows, and crossbows would apply to all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

Legislative History

Senate Substitute Amendment 2 was introduced by Senator Decker. In an executive session on February 12, 2010, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources recommended adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 7; and Noes, 0, and recommended passage of Senate Bill 222, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 6; and Noes, 1.

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