



2009 SENATE BILL 207

May 18, 2009 - Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, HOLPERIN, KEDZIE, PLALE, GROTHMAN and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives RHOADES, A. OTT, MEYER, SUDER, BROOKS, KNODL, LEMAHIEU, PETROWSKI, VOS, NERISON and SPANBAUER. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 29.304 (5); *to renumber and amend* 948.60 (3) (a); and
2 *to create* 29.304 (5) (b) and 948.60 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 possession and use of a firearm by a person under the age of 12 years.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a minor under 12 years old may not hunt with a firearm under any circumstances and may possess a firearm only if he or she is carrying an unloaded, encased firearm with the supervision of a parent or guardian to or from a hunter education class given under the hunter education program administered by the Department of Natural Resources. He or she may use the firearm only if he or she is doing so during the class under the supervision of the instructor.

The bill creates an exception to these prohibitions that allows a minor under the age of 12 to possess and use a firearm for the purpose of target practice or trap shooting if the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian or by a person who is at least 18 years of age and who has been designated by the parent or guardian.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 29.304 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 29.304 (5) (a).

5 **SECTION 2.** 29.304 (5) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

