



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 384

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.161 (2), 29.164 (2) (b), 29.171 (4) (b) (intro.), 29.173 (2) (a),
2 29.173 (2) (b) (intro.), 29.182 (3) (a), 29.182 (3) (b), 29.184 (3) (c), 29.193 (2) (cr)
3 1., 29.193 (2) (cr) 2., 29.204 (2), 29.207 (2), 29.211 (2), 29.213 (2) and 29.304 (1)
4 (a); and *to create* 29.001 (17), 29.001 (19m) and 29.014 (1m) of the statutes;
5 **relating to:** weapons that may be used to hunt certain animals and
6 requirements for establishing open hunting seasons for those animals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

7 **SECTION 1.** 29.001 (17) of the statutes is created to read:
8 29.001 (17) "Bow," when used with reference to hunting, means a bow, drawn
9 and held by and through the effort of the person releasing it, but does not include a
10 crossbow.

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1 **SECTION 2.** 29.001 (19m) of the statutes is created to read:

2 29.001 **(19m)** “Crossbow” means any device using a bow that, once drawn, is
3 held solely by means other than the effort of the person firing it.

4 **SECTION 3.** 29.014 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 29.014 **(1m)** (a) If the department establishes an open season for hunting deer,
6 elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a firearm, the season shall also be open for
7 hunting that animal with a crossbow and a bow and arrow.

8 (b) If the department establishes an open season for hunting deer, elk, small
9 game, wild turkey, or bear with a bow and arrow but not with a firearm, the
10 department may not open that season for hunting with a crossbow except by a person
11 who has attained the age of 65 or by a person who is authorized to hunt with a
12 crossbow by a permit issued under s. 29.171 (4) (a) or 29.193 (2).

13 **SECTION 4.** 29.161 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 29.161 **(2)** A resident small game hunting license authorizes hunting with a
15 firearm, airgun, or bow and arrow, or with a crossbow if the holder of the license has
16 a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that authorizes
17 hunting with a crossbow, has a crossbow permit issued under s. 29.171 (4) (a), or has
18 attained the age of 65 years.

19 **SECTION 5.** 29.164 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 29.164 **(2)** (b) *Type of hunting authorized.* A license issued under this section
21 authorizes hunting with a firearm or bow and arrow, or with a crossbow if the holder
22 of the license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that
23 authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has a crossbow permit issued under s. 29.171
24 (4) (a), or has attained the age of 65 years.

25 **SECTION 5m.** 29.171 (4) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 29.171 (4) (b) (intro.) Except as provided in par. (bc), ~~crossbows used~~ no person
2 may use a crossbow in hunting as authorized by ~~a Class A, Class B or Class C~~ any
3 license or permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) or under this subsection or as authorized
4 ~~under sub. (2m) or s. 29.161 (2), 29.164 (2) (b), 29.182 (3) (a), 29.184 (3) (c), 29.204~~
5 ~~(2), 29.207 (2), 29.213 (2), or 29.216 (2) shall meet~~ chapter unless the crossbow meets
6 all of the following specifications:

7 **SECTION 6.** 29.173 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 29.173 (2) (a) A resident deer hunting license authorizes the hunting of deer
9 with ~~firearms only~~ a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow.

10 **SECTION 7.** 29.173 (2) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 29.173 (2) (b) (intro.) A qualified service member holding a current resident
12 deer hunting license may hunt deer of either sex with ~~a firearm~~ during any season
13 open to hunting of deer with firearms that is established by the department. For
14 purposes of this paragraph, a qualified service member is a member of the armed
15 forces who exhibits proof that he or she is in active service with the armed forces
16 outside this state and proof of one of the following:

17 **SECTION 8.** 29.182 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 29.182 (3) (a) A resident elk hunting license authorizes a resident of this state
19 to hunt elk with a firearm ~~or~~ bow and arrow, or with a crossbow, if the resident has
20 ~~a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that authorizes~~
21 ~~hunting with a crossbow, or if the resident has a crossbow permit issued under s.~~
22 ~~29.171 (4) (a).~~

23 **SECTION 9.** 29.182 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 29.182 (3) (b) A nonresident elk hunting license authorizes a nonresident of
25 this state to hunt elk with a firearm ~~or with a~~ bow and arrow, or crossbow.

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1 **SECTION 10.** 29.184 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 29.184 **(3)** (c) *Type of hunting authorized.* A Class A bear license authorizes
3 hunting with a firearm ~~or~~, bow and arrow, ~~or with a~~ crossbow if the holder of the
4 license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that
5 authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has attained the age of 65 years.

6 **SECTION 11.** 29.193 (2) (cr) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 29.193 **(2)** (cr) 1. A person holding a current resident or nonresident deer
8 hunting license and a Class A or Class C permit may hunt deer of either sex with a
9 firearm during any season open to hunting of deer with firearms that is established
10 by the department.

11 **SECTION 12.** 29.193 (2) (cr) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 29.193 **(2)** (cr) 2. A Class A permit authorizes the holder to shoot or hunt from
13 a stationary vehicle, to fish or troll as authorized under sub. (1m) (b) and to hunt
14 certain game with a crossbow as authorized under ss. ~~29.161 (2), 29.164 (2) (b),~~
15 ~~29.171 (2), 29.182 (3) (a), 29.184 (3) (c), 29.204 (2), 29.207 (2), 29.213 (2), and 29.216~~
16 ~~(2).~~

17 **SECTION 13.** 29.204 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 29.204 **(2)** A nonresident annual small game hunting license authorizes
19 hunting with a firearm, airgun, ~~or~~ bow and arrow, ~~or with a~~ crossbow if the holder
20 of the license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that
21 authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has attained the age of 65 years.

22 **SECTION 14.** 29.207 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 29.207 **(2)** A nonresident 5-day small game hunting license authorizes hunting
24 with a firearm, airgun, ~~or~~ bow and arrow, ~~or with a~~ crossbow if the holder of the

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1 ~~license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that~~
2 ~~authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has attained the age of 65 years.~~

3 **SECTION 15.** 29.211 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 29.211 (2) AUTHORIZATION. A nonresident deer hunting license authorizes the
5 hunting of deer with ~~firearms only~~ a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow.

6 **SECTION 16.** 29.213 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 29.213 (2) A nonresident fur-bearing animal hunting license authorizes
8 hunting with a firearm, airgun, ~~or~~ bow and arrow, ~~or with a~~ crossbow if the holder
9 of the license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that
10 ~~authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has attained the age of 65 years.~~

11 **SECTION 17m.** 29.304 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 29.304 (1) (a) *Prohibition on hunting.* No person under 12 years of age may
13 hunt with a firearm ~~or~~, bow and arrow, or crossbow.

14 (END)