



## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 527

November 18, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives KLEEFISCH, BERNIER, BORN, R. BROOKS, CONSIDINE, CZAJA, DANOU, EDMING, GANNON, KAHL, KREMER, KRUG, T. LARSON, MILROY, A. OTT, ROHRKASTE, SHANKLAND, SKOWRONSKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, TITTL and ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senators MOULTON, MARKLEIN, MILLER, OLSEN, RINGHAND and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

- 1     **AN ACT** *to create* 29.322 of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing a person to  
2           shoot to kill an animal wounded by certain hunters.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill allows a person, under certain circumstances, to kill an animal shot and wounded by another person while hunting.

Generally, current law prohibits a person from hunting unless the person holds a license, permit, tag, or other approval issued by the Department of Natural Resources. Current law also imposes various other restrictions on hunters, including season restrictions and bag and possession limits, that vary depending on the animal for which a hunting approval is issued.

This bill allows an adult to shoot to kill an animal lawfully shot by a youth but not killed. The bill provides that if a youth mortally wounds an animal while lawfully hunting, and if the youth requests that the adult shoot to kill the animal, the adult may do so as long as the adult has any valid hunting approval. Under current law, the hunting mentorship program allows a person with a valid hunting license to hunt without obtaining a hunter safety certificate if he or she hunts with a qualified mentor and meets certain other conditions. This bill allows a person serving as a qualified mentor under the hunter mentorship program to shoot to kill an animal mortally wounded but not killed by a person for whom he or she is serving as a mentor. The mentor's authority to shoot to kill the animal applies only if the person who wounded the animal requests that the mentor shoot to kill the animal.

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Under the bill, a person who kills an animal for another person as authorized under the bill is exempt from any bag or possession limits that would otherwise apply to the hunting of the animal killed.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 29.322 of the statutes is created to read:

2           **29.322 Taking certain wounded animals.** (1) In this section, “youth”  
3 means a person under the age of 18.

4           (2) A person who holds any valid hunting approval may shoot to kill, with a  
5 firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow, any animal shot and mortally wounded by  
6 another person if any of the following apply:

7           (a) The other person is a youth and all of the following apply:

- 8                 1. The youth wounded the animal while lawfully hunting.  
9                 2. The person shooting to kill the animal is an adult.  
10                3. The youth requested that the adult shoot to kill the animal.

11           (b) The other person was hunting with a qualified mentor under s. 29.592 when  
12 he or she wounded the animal and he or she requested that the qualified mentor  
13 shoot to kill the animal.

14           (3) A person who shoots to kill an animal as authorized under sub. (2) is exempt  
15 under this section from any bag, possession, or size limit established by the  
16 department.

17   (END)