



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 171
[2017 Assembly Bill 314]

Hunting From Mechanized Lift

Under state law, unchanged by the Act, no person may place, possess, or transport a firearm, bow, or crossbow in or on a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded or is a handgun, the bow does not have an arrow nocked, or the crossbow is not cocked or is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, unless an exception applies. In addition, under state law, unchanged by the Act, no person may load a firearm, other than a handgun, in a vehicle or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from a vehicle, unless an exception applies.

2017 Wisconsin Act 171 creates an exception to the prohibitions listed above for a person who is legally hunting from a stationary vehicle if the person is hunting from a part of the vehicle or a piece of equipment attached to the vehicle that is raised by mechanical means not fewer than five feet above the ground or above the lowered resting position of the part or piece of equipment, whichever is higher.

Effective date: March 30, 2018. Act 171 first applies to a person hunting on that date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.