



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 245**  
[2017 Assembly Bill 711]

**Required Tags for Dogs Hunting  
Bear or Wolf**

Wisconsin law requires a dog owner to have the dog vaccinated against rabies, and to attach the rabies vaccination tag, and a license, to a collar which must be kept on the dog at all times unless an exception applies. These exceptions include while a dog is training, hunting, securely confined indoors, or securely confined in a fenced area. Prior law required a person hunting bear or wolf with dogs to carry the dogs' rabies tags and licenses on his or her person while hunting.

2017 Wisconsin Act 245 eliminates the requirement that a bear or wolf hunter who is hunting with dogs must carry the dogs' rabies tags and licenses on his or her person while hunting.

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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>.