2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 314

May 8, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives SPIROS, KLEEFISCH, HORLACHER, MURSAU, SKOWRONSKI, THIESFELDT, TASLER and WEATHERSTON, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, COWLES and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

AN ACT to create 167.31 (4) (j) of the statutes; relating to: authorizing hunting from a mechanized lift attached to a motor vehicle.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes a person to hunt from a motor vehicle equipped with a mechanized lift.

Under current law, no person may place, possess, or transport a loaded firearm, a cocked crossbow, or a bow with a nocked arrow in or on a vehicle. Under current law, no person may load a firearm, discharge a firearm, or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from a vehicle. Under this bill, these prohibitions do not apply to a person legally hunting from a platform elevated by a mechanized lift attached to a motor vehicle equipped with stabilizers, subject to certain requirements.

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

SECTION 1. 167.31 (4) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

167.31 (4) (j) Subsection (2) (b) and (c) does not apply to a person legally hunting from a platform elevated by a mechanized lift attached to a motor vehicle equipped with stabilizers if all of the following apply:
1. The lift, platform, and stabilizers are each commercially manufactured in compliance with applicable standards of the American National Standards Institute.

2. The vehicle is parked and the motor used to drive the vehicle is not in operation.

3. The stabilizers are deployed and in full contact with the ground.

4. The lift is in a raised position and the platform is stationary.

5. The person is on the platform.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to a person hunting on the effective date of this subsection.