October 10, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives BERNIER, MILROY, KLEEFISCH, BERCEAU, MURSAU and SWEARINGEN, cosponsored by Senators MOULTON and BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

AN ACT to amend 29.324 (2); and to create 29.324 (1) (c) and 29.324 (3m) of the statutes; relating to: restrictions on the hunting of antlerless deer by members of a group hunting party.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party if, at the time and place of the kill, the person who kills the deer is in contact with the person for whom the deer is killed. 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, which eliminated all requirements relating to deer carcass tags, also eliminated an exception to this general authorization that prohibited a member of a group deer hunting party from using a youth deer tag issued to another member of the party under the age of 18 to kill an antlerless deer for that other member. This bill restores this exception by prohibiting a member of a group deer hunting party from killing an antlerless deer for another member of the party who has been issued a youth deer hunting license.

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

SECTION 1. 29.324 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:
29.324 (1) (c) “Youth deer license” means a license that is issued by the department to a person who is under the age of 18 and that authorizes the hunting of deer with a firearm.

SECTION 2. 29.324 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, is amended to read:

29.324 (2) Any Except as provided in sub. (3m), any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the group deer hunting party if, at the time and place of the kill, the person who kills the deer is in contact with the person for whom the deer is killed.

SECTION 3. 29.324 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

29.324 (3m) No member of a group deer hunting party may kill an antlerless deer for another member of the group deer hunting party who has been issued a youth deer license.