2017 SENATE BILL 508

November 6, 2017 -Introduced by Senators TIFFANY, BEWLEY, MOULTON and MILLER, cosponsored by Representatives MEYERS, KLEEFISCH and MILROY. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry.

AN ACT to amend 29.014 (1m) (a) and 29.016 (1) (b); and to create 29.016 (3) of the statutes; relating to: establishing an open season for hunting deer with muzzle-loading firearms within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to establish a fall open season for hunting deer within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore that begins before the Saturday immediately preceding the fourth Thursday in November if the season is open for hunting deer only with muzzle-loading firearms.

Under current law, DNR is prohibited from establishing a fall open season for hunting deer with firearms that begins before the Saturday immediately preceding the fourth Thursday in November.

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

SECTION 1. 29.014 (1m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.014 (1m) (a) If the department establishes an open season for hunting deer, elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a firearm, excluding any season
established under s. 29.016 (3), the season shall also be open for hunting that animal with a crossbow and a bow and arrow.

**SECTION 2.** 29.016 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.016 (1) (b) Except as provided in sub. subs. (2) and (3), establish a fall open season for hunting deer with firearms that begins before the Saturday immediately preceding the 4th Thursday in November.

**SECTION 3.** 29.016 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

29.016 (3) The department may establish a fall open season for hunting deer within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore that begins before the Saturday immediately preceding the 4th Thursday in November if the season is open for hunting deer only with muzzle-loading firearms.