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2019 Wisconsin Act 98 [2019 Senate Bill 231]

Transporting a Bow or Crossbow on Certain Vehicles

2019 Wisconsin Act 98 makes changes to state law regarding the placement, possession, and transportation of bows and crossbows in or on various types of vehicles.

BOWS

Under **prior law**, a person could not place, possess, or transport a bow in or on a vehicle unless the bow did not have an arrow nocked.

2019 Wisconsin Act 98 waives this restriction with regard to a bow that is placed or possessed on a vehicle that is stationary, which means not moving, regardless of whether the motor is running.

CROSSBOWS

Under **prior law**, a person could not: (1) operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) while possessing a crossbow; (2) place, possess, or transport a crossbow in or on a motorboat with the motor running; or (3) place, possess, or transport a crossbow in or on a vehicle, unless the crossbow either was not cocked or, if cocked, was unloaded and encased.

In each of the above three settings, **Act 98** removes the requirement that a crossbow, if cocked and unloaded, be encased.

Act 98 also waives the above restrictions with regard to a crossbow that is placed or possessed on an ATV, UTV, or vehicle that is stationary, which means not moving, regardless of whether the motor is running.

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