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AN ACT to amend 29.578 (8) and (14) (b) 3; to repeal and recreate 29.40 (1) and (2); and to create 29.40 (2m) and 29.405 of the statutes, relating to authorizing group deer hunting and deer tags.

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

SECTION 1. 29.40 (1) and (2) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

29.40 (1) DEFINITION. In this section, "validated" means marked with specified information in the manner required by the department.

(2) DEER TAGS. Except as provided under sub. (5) and s. 29.405 (3), any person who kills a deer shall immediately attach to the ear or antler of the deer a current validated deer carcass tag which is authorized for use on the type of deer killed. Except as provided under sub. (2m) or s. 29.578 (7), (8) or (14), no person may possess, control, store or transport a deer carcass unless it is tagged as required under this subsection.

SECTION 2. 29.40 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

29.40 (2m) REMOVAL AND RETENTION OF TAGS. (a) A deer carcass tag attached under sub. (2) and a registration tag attached by the department or a car kill tag attached under sub. (5) may be removed from a gutted carcass at the time of butchering, but the person who killed or obtained the deer shall retain all tags until the meat is consumed.

(b) Any person who retains a tag under par. (a) may give deer meat to another person. The person who receives the gift of deer meat is not required to possess a tag.

SECTION 3. 29.405 of the statutes is created to read:

29.405 Group deer hunting. (1) In this section:

(a) "Contact" means visual or voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

(b) "Group deer hunting party" means 2 or more hunters hunting in a group all using firearms, each of whom holds an individual license to hunt deer.

(2) Any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the group deer hunting party if both of the following conditions exist:

(a) 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.

(b) The person for whom the deer is killed possesses a current unused deer carcass tag which is authorized for use on the deer killed.

(3) A person who kills a deer under sub. (2) shall ensure that a member of his or her group deer hunting party without delay attaches a current validated deer carcass tag to the deer in the manner specified under s. 29.40 (2). The person who kills the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after it is tagged.

SECTION 4. 29.578 (8) and (14) (b) 3 of the statutes are amended to read:

29.578 (8) After a deer is so killed and tagged the entire carcass only shall be sold and transported, except as provided in sub. (14). The tag must remain on the carcass while in transit ~~and until same is~~. A deer farm tag may be removed from a gutted carcass at the time of butchering, but the person who killed or obtained the deer shall retain the tag until the meat is consumed.

(14) (b) 3. It shall contain the name and address of the applicant together with the name and address of the premises where the venison will be retained and served, together with the source of the venison, the sex, approximate weight and deer farm tag numbers of the carcass, ~~the~~. The deer farm tag to remain with may be removed from a gutted carcass at the time of butchering, but the person who killed or obtained the deer shall retain the tag until the venison ~~until~~ is consumed.
