State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Bill 332

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2009 WISCONSIN ACT 119

AN ACT *to renumber* 29.161, 29.204, 29.207 and 29.213; *to amend* 29.164 (2) (b), 29.171 (4) (b) (intro.) and 29.193 (2) (cr) 2.; and *to create* 29.161 (2), 29.184 (3) (c), 29.204 (2), 29.207 (2), 29.213 (2) and 29.216 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing the use of airguns and crossbows under certain hunting licenses.

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

SECTION 1. 29.161 of the statutes is renumbered 29.161 (1).

SECTION 2. 29.161 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

29.161 (2) A resident small game hunting license authorizes hunting with a firearm, airgun, or bow and arrow or with a crossbow if the holder of the license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that authorizes hunting with a crossbow, has a crossbow permit issued under s. 29.171 (4) (a), or has attained the age of 65 years.

SECTION 3. 29.164 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.164 (2) (b) *Type of hunting authorized*. A license issued under this section authorizes hunting with a firearm or bow and arrow or with a crossbow if the holder of the license is a resident and has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has a crossbow permit issued under s. 29.171 (4) (a), or is a resident senior citizen has attained the age of 65 years.

SECTION 4. 29.171 (4) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.171 (4) (b) (intro.) Except as provide in par. (bc), crossbows used in hunting as authorized by a Class A, Class B or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) or under this subsection or as authorized under sub. (2m) or s. 29.161 (2), 29.164 (2) (b), 29.182 (3) (a), 29.184 (3) (c), 29.204 (2), 29.207 (2), 29.213 (2), or 29.216 (2) shall meet all of the following specifications:

SECTION 5. 29.184 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

29.184 (3) (c) *Type of hunting authorized*. A Class A bear license authorizes hunting with a firearm or bow and arrow or with a crossbow if the holder of the license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has attained the age of 65 years.

SECTION 6. 29.193 (2) (cr) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

29.193 (2) (cr) 2. A Class A permit authorizes the holder to shoot or hunt from a stationary vehicle, to fish or troll as authorized under sub. (1m) (b) and to hunt certain game with a crossbow as authorized under ss. <u>29.161</u> (<u>2</u>), 29.164 (2) (b), 29.171 (2), <u>29.182</u> (3) (a), <u>29.184</u> (3) (c), 29.204 (2), 29.207 (2), 29.213 (2), and 29.216 (2).

SECTION 7. 29.204 of the statutes is renumbered 29.204 (1).

^{*} Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2007–08 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

SECTION 8. 29.204 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

29.204 (2) A nonresident annual small game hunting license authorizes hunting with a firearm, airgun, or bow and arrow or with a crossbow if the holder of the license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has attained the age of 65 years.

SECTION 9. 29.207 of the statutes is renumbered 29.207 (1).

SECTION 10. 29.207 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

29.207 (2) A nonresident 5–day small game hunting license authorizes hunting with a firearm, airgun, or bow and arrow or with a crossbow if the holder of the license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has attained the age of 65 years.

SECTION 11. 29.213 of the statutes is renumbered 29.213 (1).

SECTION 12. 29.213 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

29.213 (2) A nonresident fur-bearing animal hunting license authorizes hunting with a firearm, airgun, or bow and arrow or with a crossbow if the holder of the license has a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) that authorizes hunting with a crossbow or has attained the age of 65 years.

SECTION 13. 29.216 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

29.216 (2m) PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. Notwithstanding sub. (2), a nonresident archer hunting license authorizes hunting with a bow and arrow or with a crossbow if the licensee is a person who has attained the age of 65. A person who has attained the age of 65 is not required to hold a permit from the department to hunt with a crossbow if he or she holds a license under this section.