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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 1997 SENATE BILL 263**

February 12, 1998 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESOURCES.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 29.225 (1) and 29.226 (1); *to amend* 29.092  
2           (2) (n), 29.092 (13) (f), 29.093 (2) (f), 29.225 (title), 29.225 (2), 29.225 (3), 29.225  
3           (4) (a) 1., 29.225 (4) (a) 2., 29.225 (4) (am), 29.226 (2), 29.227 (1) (b), 29.227 (2)  
4           (b) 2., 29.227 (3) (a) 2., 29.227 (3) (b) 2., 29.227 (3) (b) 3. and 938.343 (7); and *to*  
5           **create** 29.225 (1) (c) and (d), 29.226 (1) (b) and 29.226 (2m) of the statutes;  
6           **relating to:** hunter education programs and hunting approvals issued to bow  
7           hunters.

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

8           **SECTION 1.** 29.092 (2) (n) of the statutes is amended to read:  
9           29.092 (2) (n) (title) *Hunter education and ~~firearm safety~~ courses; instruction*  
10          *fee; certificate of accomplishment.* The instruction fee for the hunter education and  
11          ~~firearm safety~~ course or the bow hunter education course provided in s. 29.225 is \$3.

1 There is no fee for the original issuance of a certificate of accomplishment if the  
2 instruction fee is paid.

3 **SECTION 2.** 29.092 (13) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 29.092 (13) (f) (title) *Duplicate hunter certificate of accomplishment.* The fee  
5 for a duplicate hunter education and ~~firearm safety~~ course or bow hunter education  
6 course certificate of accomplishment issued under s. 29.225 (4) (b) is \$2.

7 **SECTION 3.** 29.093 (2) (f) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 12,  
8 is amended to read:

9 29.093 (2) (f) 1. Except as provided under s. 29.227 (1) (d), a certificate of  
10 accomplishment issued under s. 29.225 that may be used in place of a small game  
11 hunting license is valid for the hunting of small game in place of a resident small  
12 game hunting license from the date of issuance until March 31 of the following year.

13 **SECTION 4.** 29.225 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **29.225 (title) Hunter education program and ~~firearm safety~~ bow**  
15 **hunter education program; certificate of accomplishment.**

16 **SECTION 5.** 29.225 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 29.225 (1) (a) and amended  
17 to read:

18 29.225 (1) (a) The department shall establish by rule a statewide hunter  
19 education and ~~firearm safety~~ program. ~~The hunter education and firearm safety~~  
20 ~~program shall provide for a course of instruction in each school district or county and~~  
21 ~~bow hunter education program.~~ The department shall conduct ~~this course~~ these  
22 courses of instruction in cooperation with qualified individuals, organizations,  
23 groups, associations, public or private corporations and federal, state and local  
24 governmental entities. ~~This course~~ The hunter education program shall provide for

1 a course of instruction in each school district or county. The bow hunter education  
2 program need not provide for a course of instruction in each school district or county.

3 (b) The courses of instruction under these programs shall provide instruction  
4 to students in the ~~commonly accepted principles of safety in handling hunting~~  
5 ~~firearms and equipment~~, the responsibilities of hunters to wildlife, environment,  
6 landowners and others, how to recognize threatened and endangered species ~~which~~  
7 that cannot be hunted and the principles of wildlife management and conservation.

8 **SECTION 6.** 29.225 (1) (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

9 29.225 (1) (c) In addition to the topics specified in par. (b), the course of  
10 instruction under the hunter education program shall provide instruction in the  
11 commonly accepted principles of safety in handling firearms and bows and arrows  
12 used in hunting and their associated equipment.

13 (d) In addition to the topics specified in par. (b), the course of instruction under  
14 the bow hunter education program shall provide instruction in hunting with bows  
15 and arrows and their associated equipment.

16 **SECTION 7.** 29.225 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 29.225 (2) ADMINISTRATION. The law enforcement administrator shall be the  
18 department's authorized agent to administer, supervise and enforce this section.  
19 The department shall appoint a qualified person from the law enforcement function,  
20 under the classified service, as the hunter education program and bow hunter  
21 education program administrator and shall prescribe his or her duties and  
22 responsibilities. The department may appoint county, regional and statewide  
23 directors, ~~master hunter education instructors~~ and regular hunter education  
24 instructors necessary for the hunter education and ~~firearm safety program~~ and the

1 bow hunter education program. These appointees are responsible to the department  
2 and shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation.

3 **SECTION 8.** 29.225 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 29.225 (3) INSTRUCTION FEE. The department shall collect the instruction fee  
5 specified under s. 29.092 (2) (n) from each person who receives instruction under the  
6 hunter education and ~~firearm safety program~~ and the bow hunter education  
7 program. The department may authorize an instructor conducting a course of  
8 instruction under either program meeting standards established by the department  
9 to retain 50% of this fee to defray expenses incurred locally to operate the program.  
10 The remaining portion of the fee or, if nothing is retained, the entire fee shall be  
11 deposited in the conservation fund.

12 **SECTION 9.** 29.225 (4) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act  
13 12, is amended to read:

14 29.225 (4) (a) 1. The department shall issue a certificate of accomplishment to  
15 a person who successfully completes the course of instruction under the hunter  
16 education and ~~firearm safety program~~ or the bow hunter education program and who  
17 pays the instruction fee. The department shall prescribe the form and content of the  
18 certificate of accomplishment.

19 **SECTION 10.** 29.225 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes, as created by 1997 Wisconsin Act  
20 12, is amended to read:

21 29.225 (4) (a) 2. A resident may use the certificate of accomplishment issued  
22 to him or her for successfully completing the course of instruction under the hunter  
23 education and ~~firearm safety program~~ for the first time in place of a small game  
24 hunting license as required in s. 29.09.

1           **SECTION 11.** 29.225 (4) (am) of the statutes, as created by 1997 Wisconsin Act  
2 12, is amended to read:

3           29.225 (4) (am) *Authorization for antlerless deer.* The department may  
4 authorize a person to whom it issues a certificate of accomplishment for successfully  
5 completing the course of instruction under the hunter education and firearm safety  
6 program for the first time to use the certificate in place of a permit issued under s.  
7 29.107 to take one antlerless deer in specific areas identified by the department. The  
8 authorization for group deer hunting under s. 29.405 shall not apply to a person  
9 hunting an antlerless deer as authorized under this paragraph.

10           **SECTION 12.** 29.226 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 29.226 (1) (a) and  
11 amended to read:

12           29.226 (1) (a) Except as provided under subs. (2), (2m) and (3), no person born  
13 on or after January 1, 1973, may obtain any approval authorizing hunting unless the  
14 person is issued a certificate of accomplishment under s. 29.225.

15           **SECTION 13.** 29.226 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

16           29.226 (1) (b) A certificate of accomplishment issued to a person for successfully  
17 completing the course under the bow hunter education program only authorizes the  
18 person to obtain a resident or nonresident archer hunting license.

19           **SECTION 14.** 29.226 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           29.226 (2) A person who has a certificate, license or other evidence indicating  
21 that he or she has completed in another state a hunter safety course ~~in another state~~  
22 and if the course is recognized by the department under a reciprocity agreement, the  
23 person may obtain an approval authorizing hunting regardless of whether the  
24 person is issued a certificate of accomplishment for successfully completing the  
25 course of instruction under s. ~~29.225~~ the hunter education program in this state.

1           **SECTION 15.** 29.226 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

2           29.226 **(2m)** A person who has a certificate, license or other evidence indicating  
3 that he or she has completed in another state a bow hunter education course and if  
4 the course is recognized by the department under a reciprocity agreement, the  
5 person may obtain a resident or nonresident archer hunting license regardless of  
6 whether the person is issued a certificate of accomplishment for successfully  
7 completing the course of instruction under the bow hunter education program in this  
8 state.

9           **SECTION 16.** 29.227 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           29.227 **(1)** (b) *Restrictions on possession or control of a firearm.* No person  
11 under 12 years of age may have in his or her possession or control any firearm unless  
12 he or she is enrolled in a the course of instruction under the hunter education and  
13 ~~firearm safety~~ program and he or she is carrying the firearm in a case and unloaded  
14 to or from that class under the supervision of a parent or guardian or is handling or  
15 operating the firearm during that class under the supervision of an instructor.

16           **SECTION 17.** 29.227 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

17           29.227 **(2)** (b) 2. Is enrolled in a the course of instruction under the hunter  
18 education and ~~firearm safety~~ program and is carrying the firearm in a case and  
19 unloaded to or from that class or is handling or operating the firearm during that  
20 class under the supervision of an instructor.

21           **SECTION 18.** 29.227 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

22           29.227 **(3)** (a) 2. Is issued a certificate of accomplishment that states that he  
23 or she successfully completed the course of instruction under the hunter education  
24 and ~~firearm safety~~ program or has a similar certificate issued by another state or  
25 province.

