WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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2001 Assembly Bill 269	**Assembly Substitute Amendment 1**

Current Law

The current statute requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to reserve a deer hunting back tag number for anyone who pays an annual tag number reservation fee in addition to the fee for the deer hunting license. Each year, upon payment of the reservation fee, DNR issues the same back tag number to that person. The current annual reservation fee for a back tag number is $4.50, plus an issuing fee of $0.50.

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Assembly Bill 269 modifies the current statute so that the reservation fee for a back tag number is a one-time fee. The amount of the reservation fee ($4.50) and the issuing fee ($0.50) remains the same. Upon payment of the one-time reservation fee, the DNR issues the same back tag number to that person in each subsequent year that the person requests a reserved back tag number. As in current law, the bill does not require the person to reserve the back tag number in each successive year.

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The substitute amendment retains all of the provisions of the bill, as described above. In addition, the substitute amendment addresses the situation of a person who does not use a reserved back tag number in subsequent years. The substitute amendment allows the DNR to determine a specified number of deer hunting seasons whereafter the reserved back tag number expires if the person has not used it. Upon expiration of the reserved back tag number, the person may obtain a reserved back tag number, with a different number, upon payment of the reservation fee and issuing fee. The substitute amendment also provides that it applies retroactively, commencing on March 1, 2000.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was recommended for adoption by the Committee on Natural Resources by a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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