



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 26

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 2**

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Current law permits group deer hunting. In order to qualify as a group deer hunting party, the party must consist of two or more persons hunting in a group, in which each group member is using a firearm and holds an individual license to hunt deer. Any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party if the person who kills the deer is in “contact with” the person for whom the deer is killed and the person for whom the deer is killed possesses a current unused deer carcass tag. To be in contact, members of the group deer hunting party must be in visual or voice contact without the aid of mechanical or electronic amplifying devices.

Assembly Bill 26 changes the definition of “group deer hunting party,” to eliminate the requirement that each member of the group must be using a firearm.

Substitute Amendment 2 also eliminates the requirement that each member of the group must be using a firearm, but specifically requires that each member of the group must hold an individual license to hunt deer with a firearm, and that a member of the group may only kill a deer for another member of the group using a firearm. The substitute amendment also clarifies that group deer hunting may only occur during an open season for hunting deer with a firearm.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 for adoption and Assembly Bill 26 for passage, as amended, on February 27, 2004, each on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

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