



1997 SENATE BILL 15

January 15, 1997 - Introduced by Senators BRESKE, DECKER, CLAUSING, GROBSCHMIDT and ZIEN, cosponsored by Representatives HANDRICK, RYBA, SPRINGER, OURADA, GROTHMAN, VRAKAS, TURNER, ZUKOWSKI, BOYLE, KREUSER, SERATTI and POWERS. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.104 (4) (a) (intro.); and *to create* 29.104 (4) (am) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** issuing crossbow hunting permits to persons who are
3 physically unable to use a bow and arrow.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may receive a permit from the department of natural resources to hunt with a crossbow if the person has suffered a disability affecting certain upper extremities, such as a hand or certain fingers, and if the person is unable to use a bow and arrow. If the disability involves a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both hands, arms or shoulders, a crossbow permit may not be issued unless the person fails certain strength tests. Under current law, a licensed physician or chiropractor must administer these upper extremity strength tests. Under this bill, a person is also eligible for a crossbow permit if a licensed physician or chiropractor certifies in writing that the person is physically unable to hunt with a bow and arrow.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 29.104 (4) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

