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# PATRICK TESTIN

## STATE SENATOR

**DATE:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**RE:** **Testimony on 2017 Assembly Bill 711**

**TO:** The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage

**FROM:** Senator Patrick Testin

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Thank you Chairman Kleefisch and members of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage for accepting my written testimony on Assembly Bill 711, which makes changes to dog tag requirements for hunters utilizing a dog to hunt a bear or wolf.

Wisconsin is a state known for its rich sporting heritage, and hunting is something that is ingrained as a tradition for many Wisconsinites. Assembly Bill 711 is a piece of legislation aimed at updating outdated and unnecessary statutory requirements imposed on select groups of hunters, but not on the whole hunting population.

Currently, dog owners and handlers are required to carry their dog license and rabies vaccination tags on their person whilst hunting a bear or wolf. However; hunting dogs used for hunting other species like pheasants, raccoons, and waterfowl, are not subject to this requirement.

This is a simple and straightforward piece of legislation that eliminates the requirement for sportsmen hunting bears or wolves to carry these dog tags while hunting or engaging in hunting activities. It does not remove any vaccination or licensure requirements for these hunting dogs, and merely removes the burdensome requirement to constantly keep these tags on their person while hunting.

This bill does away with an extra constraint for bear and wolf hunters and is a simple way to align state law requirements on dog tags for hunters utilizing hunting dogs.

Thank you Chairman and members of the committee for accepting my testimony and for your consideration of Assembly Bill 711.

## RABIES TAG TESTIMONY

Good Morning Chairman Kleefisch, and other members of the Sporting Heritage Committee, Thank you for allowing me the time to speak to you with regard to this Rabies Tag bill.

The primary reason I am testifying in favor of this bill today is the discriminatory way in which it is applied. I do not know of a single other type of bird, rabbit, duck, fox, coyote or raccoon hunter that has had his dog checked for rabies tags. Why does the statute discriminate against bear hunters?

Although the state has mandated the current statute for rabies vaccination the implementation has been charged to the Wisconsin counties. Here is how it works. When I go to pay my property tax I am required to show that I have vaccinated my dog/dogs for rabies before I can be issued a license for that dog. The county will not issue that dog license until I show them a certificate that verifies that that particular dog has in fact been vaccinated for rabies.

The purpose of this statute, as I see it, is to insure that if someone's dog should bite an individual, that it can be proven by the owner of that dog, that he or she has done his due diligence, so that the victim does not have to start the series of shots for the rabies virus.

With that being said what is the purpose of the DNR law enforcement to check for rabies tags? If such an unfortunate incident should occur, local law enforcement would become involved and would check this out.

With all the duties that are required by our DNR Law Enforcement why have them waste their time doing things that have been done by other county officials. The duplicating of duties simply makes no sense.

It seems to me that if the state and counties are collecting these license fees, then they should, and are the ones to enforce it, not DNR Law Enforcement.

Thank you for your time.

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## 2017 Assembly Bill 711

I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak at this hearing. My name is Patrick Quaintance and I am a retired State of Wisconsin Conservation Warden. I retired in 2012 and am living in northern Bayfield County. I have been hunting with dogs my entire life! I am here representing the Wisconsin Association of sporting dogs! Here are some of the speaking points I have on this assembly bill 711!

- 1) What does rabies vaccinating of dogs have to do with bear and wolf hunting?
- 2) There are laws that have been in place for decades and are enforced by the local townships or cities! In fact the township or cities are usually the ones issuing out the required dog licenses.
- 3) This law was put in place to eliminate bear hunting with hounds and wolf hunting with hounds.
- 4) What does this law have to do with the resource?
- 5) If we were afraid of a rabies outbreak why is not the wild animals required to be vaccinated? We have thousands of wolfs, coyotes, fox, raccoons, etc., but none of those animals are required to be vaccinated.
- 6) The bond amount for using a unlicensed dog to hunt bear or wolfs is \$182.70
- 7) This law is being used by the State Conservation Wardens for one reason and that is to harass the bear and wolf hunters. There have been hunters that have been checked by the local Warden 6 times during the bear season in one year and asked to see their paper work for their dogs!
- 8) This law requiring only bear and wolf hunters to have rabies and kennel licenses with them while hunting is unconstitutional. And should be eliminated.
- 9) I have received over whelming support in eliminating this requirement of having proof of rabies and kennel licenses while bear and wolf hunting.
- 10) People have come from out of state or from southern Wisconsin and were unaware of the law and the local warden stated to them that they could not run or train their dogs without receiving a citation.
- 11) The law has not been enforced equally state wide. There has been a number of hunters ask why is it that only certain Conservation Wardens ask for their dogs information and other do not. In my entire career as a Conservation Warden I can only remember once asking to see their paper work on the hunter's dogs. And the only reason was to look inside the vehicle of the person's truck and hoping to obtain some other violations.

# News

## - BAYFIELD COUNTY COURT REPORTS -

### Traffic

Akins, William Denker, Cornucopia, Operating White Suspended. No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$200.50

Anderson, Mark Edward, South Range, Operate Boat w/o Lights (Sunset->Sunrise). No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$175.30

Andresen, Donald Gustav, Duluth, Non-Registration of Vehicle - Auto <10,000 lbs, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$143.80

Boris, Thomas Walter, Pickett, WI, Illegally Operate ATV or UTV on/in Vicinity of Highway, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$232.00

Brekke, Erik A, Apple Valley, MN, Operate Boat w/o Valid Cert. Number, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$232.00

Butterworth, Charles Andrew, Saint Louis Park, MN, Speedometer Violations, Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (11-15 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$175.30

Chamberlain, Darrell Dashawn, Superior, Possession of THC, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$263.50

Cina, Lucas Adam, Westby, Use Unlicensed Dog to Hunt Bear, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$182.70

Cranney, Matthew E, North Andover, MA, Fish without License - NR, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$182.70

Demulling, Marcella Dee, Washburn, Inattentive Driving No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$187.90

Donnelly, John Bernit, Palm Coast, FL, Fail to Ap

ply for Certificate of Number for Boat, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$169.00

Duval, Thomas Leonard, New Auburn, Operate ATV or UTV in Careless Way, Guilty, Forfeiture / Fine \$295.00

Eldred, Nathan Michael, Bayport, MN, Trespass to Land, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$263.50

Elmqvist, Sean Michael, Duluth, Fish without License - R No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$190.70

Erwin, Jay Thomas, Fort Ripley, MN, Fish without License - NR, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$192.70

Gall, Nathan Martin, Hayward, Operate Boat w/o Valid Cert. Number, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$232.00

Gibson, William Mark, Eufaula, AL, Fish without License - NR, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$192.70

Gordon, Devin Michael, Ashland, Operating While Suspended, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$200.50

Gordon, Devin Michael, Ashland, Operate Motorcycle w/o Valid License, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$200.50

Grode, Sam Michael, La Crosse, Absolute Sobriety for Underage Persons, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$200.50

Hansen, Ronald Phillip, Mapleton, MN, Fish without License - NR, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$192.70

Harris, Clint, Chapel Hill, NC, Give Permission Operate Boat w/o Cert., No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$232.00

Christine, Minneapolis, MN, Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (11-15 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$175.30

Heisler, Edward Gael, Duluth, MN, Fish without License, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$190.70

Johnson, Evan George, Stillwater, MN, Trespass to Land, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$263.50

Kelly, Curtis Lee, Kansas City, MO, Fish without License, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$182.70

Kneeland, Bruce A, Morris, IL, Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (1-10 MPH) Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (16-19 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$175.30

Kowalczyk, Matthew Joseph, Drummond, MT, Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (11-15 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$175.30

Kruskopf, Susan Joan, Minneapolis, MN, Exceeding Speed Zones, etc. (11-15 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$175.30

Lampman, Robert M, De Soto, WI, Operate ATV or UTV w/out Required Headgear, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$180.20

Leonard, Paul K, Temple, NH, Fish without License, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$192.70

Lindberg, Brandon A, Clear Lake, Use Unlicensed Dog to Hunt Bear, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$182.70

Lopez, Sanjuanita, Hayward, Speedometer Violations Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (11-15 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$175.30

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Mayotte, Maria Wabisins, Odanah, Exceeding Speed Zones, etc. (11-15 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$175.30

Melerotto, Cole Arthur, Bayfield, Passing into Oncoming Traffic, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$326.50

Meshnick, Anthony R, Neillsville, Fish without License, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$182.70

Miyagawa, Richard Oliva, Madison, Operate ATV or UTV w/out Required Headgear [939.05 - Party to a Crime] No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$162.70

Novak, Susan Beverly, Crystal River, FL, Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (20-24 MPH), No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$225.70

Odegaard, Eric A, Ankeny, IA, Operate ATV or UTV w/out Required Headgear, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$162.70

Oreskovich, Autumn M, Grand View, Operate ATV or UTV w/out Required Headgear [939.05 - Party to a Crime] No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$162.70

Orlund, Dane G, Wheaton, IL, Fish w/ Bowyer Device Not Controlled by Angler, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$182.70

Rasmussen, Robert L, Cable, Fish without License, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$189.70

Rasmussen, Robert L, Cable, Possess Game Fish During Closed Season, In Excess of Bag Limit, etc., No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$263.10

Reichling, Nicholas A, Darlington, Use Unlicensed Dog to Hunt Bear, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$182.70

Ristow, Karl E, Naples, FL, Possess Game Fish During Closed Season, In Excess of Bag Limit, etc. No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$263.10

Schimming, Corky Levi, Drummond, Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (20-24 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$225.70

Schnell, J David, Boulder Junction, Exceeding Speed Zones, etc. (1-10 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$175.30

Schuppe, Lauren M, La Pointe, Exceeding Speed Zones, etc. (16-19 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$200.50

Smith, Mitchell A, Sparta, Fish without License, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$182.70

Suva, John S, Homer Glen, IL, Possess Fish 25% or Less Over Bag Limit, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$269.25

Tzavaras, Nicholas G, Montclair, NJ, Speeding in 55 MPH Zone (16-19 MPH) No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$200.50

Warner, Alla Noela, Barnes, Operating While Suspended, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$200.50

Wedeward, John W, Marshall, Invasive Species - Drain All Water From Vehicle/Equipment After Removing from Water, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$200.50

Williams, Cory Ryan, Milltown, Use Unlicensed Dog

to Hunt Bear, No Contest, Forfeiture / Fine \$182.70

### Criminal

Andrews, Joseph J, Bayfield, Disorderly Conduct, No Contest, Probation, Sent Imposed, Local Jail \$465.60

Andrews, Joseph J, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, No Contest, Probation, Sent Imposed, Local Jail \$465.60

Gordon, James Lee, Bayfield, Disorderly Conduct [939.63(1)(a) - Use of a Dangerous Weapon] No Contest, Local Jail Forfeiture / Fine, Costs \$465.60

Gordon, James Lee, Bayfield, Disorderly Conduct [968.075(1)(a) - Domestic Abuse] No Contest, Local Jail, Forfeiture / Fine, Costs \$465.60

Grand, Kevin Clifford, Ashland, Operating w/ PAC (2nd) Guilty, Local Jail, Forfeiture / Fine Costs, DOT License Revoked

14 Months, Ignition interlock, Alcohol assessment \$1492.00

Misun, Zachary M.T, Cable, Bail Jumping-Felony Guilty, Probation, Sent Withheld \$518.00

Misun, Zachary M.T, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Guilty, Local Jail, Costs, Other Sentence \$443.00

Westlund, Cody Alan, Ashland, Burglary-Building or Dwelling [939.05 - PAC as a Party to a Crime] No Contest, State Prison, Extended Supervision \$970.94

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Cakes  
and  
Desserts