



## 2013 SENATE BILL 185

May 16, 2013 - Introduced by Senators FARROW, L. TAYLOR, LASSA, PETROWSKI, SCHULTZ, TIFFANY, LEHMAN, OLSEN and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives CZAJA, DANOU, A. OTT, AUGUST, BALLWEG, BEWLEY, BORN, BROOKS, ENDSLEY, HESSELBEIN, JACQUE, JAGLER, KLEEFISCH, KUGLITSCH, T. LARSON, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, MURTHA, PETRYK, SMITH, SPIROS, STRACHOTA, SWEARINGEN, TITTL, TRANEL, VRUWINK, WRIGHT and TAUCHEN. Referred to Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT to repeal** 29.171 (2m), 29.171 (4) (a), 29.171 (4) (c) and 29.216 (2m); **to**  
2     **renumber and amend** 29.171 (3), 29.193 (1m) (a), 29.193 (2) (cr) 2. and 29.216  
3     (3); **to amend** 29.014 (1m) (b), 29.024 (9), 29.171 (2), 29.185 (2) (b), 29.216 (2),  
4     29.563 (6m), 29.563 (12) (a) 2. and 29.592 (3); and **to create** 29.171 (3) (b),  
5     29.172, 29.193 (1m) (a) 1., 29.193 (1m) (a) 2., 29.216 (3) (b), 29.217, 29.235 (2)  
6     (dm), 29.235 (2m) (dm), 29.563 (2) (a) 8r., 29.563 (2) (b) 6m. and 29.563 (2g) of  
7     the statutes; **relating to:** the authority to hunt certain animals with a  
8     crossbow, establishing open seasons for hunting with a crossbow, and  
9     information required to be included on certain hunting license applications and  
10    certain hunting tags.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues hunting licenses and establishes open hunting seasons that allow the hunting of specified game animals. Among the licenses that DNR issues are resident and nonresident archer hunting licenses. An archer hunting license allows the holder to hunt all game, except bear, elk, and wild turkey, with a bow and arrow during the relevant

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open season established by DNR. An archer hunting license allows a person to hunt only with a bow and arrow and not with a crossbow unless the person is disabled and holds a permit from DNR that authorizes the use of a crossbow or unless the person is at least 65 years old. This bill eliminates the age and disability requirements for using a crossbow. Instead, the bill establishes a new resident crossbow hunting license and a new nonresident crossbow hunting license.

The crossbow hunting licenses established in this bill allow a license holder to use a crossbow to hunt the same game animals that may be hunted under current law with an archer hunting license. The bill also allows the holder of an archer hunting license to obtain a crossbow hunting license at a substantially reduced fee and allows the holder of a crossbow hunting license to obtain an archer hunting license at a substantially reduced fee. As with other hunting licenses under current law, a person may not obtain a crossbow hunting license unless the person completes a course of instruction in hunter education or bow hunter education.

The bill also requires a person who applies for a deer hunting license to indicate on the license application whether the applicant intends to use a bow and arrow or a crossbow to hunt deer under the authority of that license.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 29.014 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           29.014 **(1m)** (b) If the department establishes an open season for hunting deer,  
3 elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a bow and arrow but not with a firearm,  
4 the department ~~may not~~ shall also open that season for hunting with a crossbow  
5 except by a person who has attained the age of 65 or by a person who is authorized  
6 to hunt with a crossbow by a permit issued under s. 29.171 (4) (a) or 29.193 (2).

7           **SECTION 2.** 29.024 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           29.024 **(9)** TAGS. The department shall provide all tags required under this  
9 chapter and shall specify their form and numbering. If the department requires a  
10 person who kills a game animal to attach a tag to the carcass of that animal, the  
11 person shall specify on the tag the type of weapon used to kill the animal.

12           **SECTION 3.** 29.171 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           29.171 (2) A resident archer hunting license authorizes the hunting of all  
2 game, except bear, elk, and wild turkey, during the open seasons established by the  
3 department for hunting that game with bow and arrow ~~established by the~~  
4 ~~department.~~ This license authorizes hunting with a bow and arrow only, unless  
5 hunting with a crossbow is authorized by a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued  
6 under s. 29.193 (2) or a permit issued under sub. (4).

7           **SECTION 4.** 29.171 (2m) of the statutes is repealed.

8           **SECTION 5.** 29.171 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 29.171 (3) (a) and amended  
9 to read:

10           29.171 (3) (a) ~~The Except as provided under par. (b),~~ the department shall issue  
11 to each person who is issued a resident archer hunting license a deer tag and a back  
12 tag.

13           **SECTION 6.** 29.171 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

14           29.171 (3) (b) The department may not issue a deer tag or back tag to a person  
15 who is issued a resident archer hunting license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563  
16 (2g).

17           **SECTION 7.** 29.171 (4) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

18           **SECTION 8.** 29.171 (4) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

19           **SECTION 9.** 29.172 of the statutes is created to read:

20           **29.172 Resident crossbow hunting license.** (1) A resident crossbow  
21 hunting license shall be issued subject to ss. 29.024 and 54.25 (2) (c) 1. d. by the  
22 department to any resident applying for this license.

23           (2) A resident crossbow hunting license authorizes the hunting of all game,  
24 except bear, elk, and wild turkey, during the open seasons for hunting that game with

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1 a crossbow established by the department. This license authorizes hunting with a  
2 crossbow only.

3 (3) (a) Except as provided under par. (b), the department shall issue to each  
4 person who is issued a resident crossbow hunting license a deer tag and a back tag.

5 (b) The department may not issue a deer tag or back tag to a person who is  
6 issued a resident crossbow hunting license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563 (2g).

7 **SECTION 10.** 29.185 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 29.185 (2) (b) *Resident archer Archer licenses, crossbow licenses, and trapping*  
9 *licenses.* Notwithstanding ss. 29.171 (2), 29.172 (2), 29.216 (2), 29.217 (2), and 29.241  
10 (3), a resident archer hunting license, a nonresident archer hunting license, a  
11 resident crossbow hunting license, a nonresident crossbow hunting license, or a  
12 trapping license does not authorize the hunting or trapping of wolves.

13 **SECTION 11.** 29.193 (1m) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 29.193 (1m) (a)  
14 (intro.) and amended to read:

15 29.193 (1m) (a) The department shall, after an investigation and without  
16 charging a fee, issue a trolling permit to any person who meets ~~the~~ any of the  
17 following requirements under s. ~~29.171 (4) (a) 2. or 4.;~~

18 **SECTION 12.** 29.193 (1m) (a) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

19 29.193 (1m) (a) 1. Has an amputation or other loss of one or more arms above  
20 the wrist.

21 **SECTION 13.** 29.193 (1m) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

22 29.193 (1m) (a) 2. Has a permanent substantial loss of function in one or both  
23 arms or one or both hands and fails to meet the minimum standards of any one of the  
24 following standard tests, administered under the direction of a licensed physician or  
25 a licensed chiropractor:

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1 a. Upper extremity pinch.

2 b. Grip.

3 c. Nine-hole peg.

4 **SECTION 14.** 29.193 (2) (cr) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 29.193 (2) (cr) 2.  
5 (intro.) and amended to read:

6 29.193 (2) (cr) 2. (intro.) A Class A permit authorizes the holder to shoot do all  
7 of the following:

8 a. Shoot or hunt from a stationary vehicle, ~~to fish.~~

9 b. Fish or troll as authorized under sub. (1m) (b) and ~~to hunt certain game with~~  
10 ~~a crossbow as authorized under ss. 29.171 (2) and 29.216 (2).~~

11 **SECTION 15.** 29.216 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 29.216 (2) The nonresident archer hunting license authorizes the hunting of  
13 all game, except bear, elk, wild turkey, and fur-bearing animals, during the open  
14 season for the hunting of that game with a bow and arrow. ~~This license authorizes~~  
15 ~~hunting with a bow and arrow only unless hunting with a crossbow is authorized by~~  
16 ~~a Class A, Class B, or Class C permit issued under s. 29.193 (2).~~

17 **SECTION 16.** 29.216 (2m) of the statutes is repealed.

18 **SECTION 17.** 29.216 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 29.216 (3) (a) and  
19 amended to read:

20 29.216 (3) (a) DEER TAG AND BACK TAG. The Except as provided under par. (b),  
21 the department shall issue to each person who is issued a nonresident archer  
22 hunting license a deer tag and a back tag.

23 **SECTION 18.** 29.216 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           29.216 (3) (b) The department may not issue a deer tag or back tag to a person  
2 who is issued a nonresident archer hunting license if the department issues the  
3 nonresident archer hunting license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563 (2g).

4           **SECTION 19.** 29.217 of the statutes is created to read:

5           **29.217 Nonresident crossbow hunting license. (1) ISSUANCE.** A  
6 nonresident crossbow hunting license shall be issued subject to s. 29.024 by the  
7 department to any nonresident applying for this license.

8           **(2) AUTHORIZATION.** The nonresident crossbow hunting license authorizes the  
9 hunting of all game, except bear, elk, wild turkey, and fur-bearing animals, during  
10 the open season for the hunting of that game with a crossbow.

11           **(3) DEER TAG AND BACK TAG.** (a) The department shall issue to each person who  
12 is issued a nonresident crossbow hunting license a deer tag and a back tag.

13           (b) The department may not issue a deer tag or back tag to a person who is  
14 issued a nonresident crossbow hunting license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563  
15 (2g).

16           **SECTION 20.** 29.235 (2) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

17           29.235 (2) (dm) A resident crossbow hunting license.

18           **SECTION 21.** 29.235 (2m) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

19           29.235 (2m) (dm) A nonresident crossbow hunting license.

20           **SECTION 22.** 29.563 (2) (a) 8r. of the statutes is created to read:

21           29.563 (2) (a) 8r. Crossbow: \$21.25.

22           **SECTION 23.** 29.563 (2) (b) 6m. of the statutes is created to read:

23           29.563 (2) (b) 6m. Crossbow: 157.25.

24           **SECTION 24.** 29.563 (2g) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           29.563 **(2g)** REDUCED FEES FOR CERTAIN ARCHER AND CROSSBOW LICENSES.

2           Notwithstanding the fees under sub. (2) (a) 8. and 8r. and (b) 6. and 6m., the fee is  
3           \$2.25 for any of the following licenses:

4           (a) A resident archer hunting license issued to a person who holds a resident  
5           crossbow hunting license, provided that the resident archer hunting license and the  
6           resident crossbow hunting license authorize hunting during the same hunting  
7           season.

8           (b) A nonresident archer hunting license issued to a person who holds a  
9           nonresident crossbow hunting license, provided that the nonresident archer hunting  
10          license and the nonresident crossbow hunting license authorize hunting during the  
11          same hunting seasons.

12          (c) A resident crossbow hunting license issued to a person who holds a resident  
13          archer hunting license, provided that the resident crossbow hunting license and the  
14          resident archer hunting license authorize hunting during the same hunting season.

15          (b) A nonresident crossbow hunting license issued to a person who holds a  
16          nonresident archer hunting license, provided that the nonresident crossbow hunting  
17          license and the nonresident archer hunting license authorize hunting during the  
18          same hunting seasons.

19          **SECTION 25.** 29.563 (6m) of the statutes is amended to read:

20          29.563 **(6m)** REDUCED FEES FOR CERTAIN FIRST-TIME APPROVALS. (a) The fee for  
21          an approval that is listed under sub. (2) (a) 1., 2., 4. to 5g., ~~or 7. to 9.~~ 8m., or 9., (3)  
22          (a) 1., or (6) (a) 1. is \$4.25 if the approval is issued to a person who has not received  
23          that type of approval, or has not been conferred the privileges of that type of approval  
24          under a license issued under s. 29.231 or 29.235, in any of the 10 years preceding the  
25          date of application.

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1 (b) The fee for an approval listed under sub. (2) (b) 1., 3., or 5. ~~to, 6., 7., 8., (3)~~  
2 (b) 1., or (6) (am) is one-half of the fee listed for the respective approval, rounded up  
3 to the nearest dollar, if the approval is issued to a person who has not received that  
4 type of approval by the department, or has not been conferred the privileges of that  
5 type of approval under a license issued under s. 29.231 or 29.235, in any of the 10  
6 years preceding the date of application.

7 **SECTION 26.** 29.563 (12) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 29.563 (12) (a) 2. Archer, crossbow, sports, or conservation patron: \$14.25 if  
9 deer tags are included; \$11.25 after open season and deer tags are not included.

10 **SECTION 27.** 29.592 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 29.592 (3) A person who is authorized to hunt with a mentor under this section  
12 and a mentor under this section with whom that person hunts may jointly have only  
13 one firearm, only one bow, or ~~if hunting with a~~ only one crossbow ~~is authorized under~~  
14 ~~s. 29.171 (4) or 29.193 (2), only one crossbow~~ in their possession or control while  
15 hunting.

16 (END)