



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 165

March 16, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives TITTL, BROOKS, DALLMAN, EDMING, KNODL, KURTZ, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, MURPHY, ROZAR, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senators FEYEN, FELZKOWSKI and NASS. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 29.172, 29.217, 29.235 (2) (dm), 29.235 (2m) (dm), 29.563 (2)  
2           (a) 8r., 29.563 (2) (a) 8t. and 29.563 (2g); and *to amend* 29.014 (1m) (b), 29.171  
3           (2), 29.185 (2) (b), 29.216 (2), 29.563 (12) (a) 2., 29.563 (12m), 29.593 (1) (b) and  
4           29.593 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** combining the archer and crossbow  
5           hunting licenses.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill provides that an archer hunting license authorizes hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow.

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources issues resident and nonresident crossbow hunting licenses that authorize hunting only with a crossbow. DNR issues separate resident and nonresident archer licenses that authorize hunting with a bow and arrow. Current law also provides that, if DNR establishes an open season for hunting deer, elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a bow and arrow only, it must also establish an open season for hunting that animal with a crossbow.

The bill eliminates the resident and nonresident crossbow licenses and provides that resident and nonresident archer licenses authorize hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow. The bill provides that, if DNR establishes an open season for hunting deer, elk, small game, wild turkey, or bear with a bow and arrow or crossbow but not with a firearm, DNR must allow the use of both bow and arrow and crossbow for hunting during the same open season.

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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 or crossbow but not with  
4 a firearm, the department shall ~~also establish an open season for~~ permit the hunting  
5 of the respective game with both a bow and arrow and a crossbow during the open  
6 season.

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

8           29.171 (**2**) A resident archer hunting license authorizes the hunting of all  
9 game, except bear, elk, and wild turkey, during the open seasons established by the  
10 department for hunting that game with bow and arrow or crossbow.

11           **SECTION 3.** 29.172 of the statutes is repealed.

12           **SECTION 4.** 29.185 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           29.185 (**2**) (b) *Archer licenses, ~~crossbow licenses,~~ and trapping licenses.*  
14 Notwithstanding ss. 29.171 (2), ~~29.172 (2),~~ 29.216 (2), ~~29.217 (2),~~ and 29.241 (3), a  
15 resident archer hunting license, a nonresident archer hunting license, ~~a resident~~  
16 ~~crossbow hunting license, a nonresident crossbow hunting license,~~ or a trapping  
17 license does not authorize the hunting or trapping of wolves.

18           **SECTION 5.** 29.216 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           29.216 (**2**) **AUTHORIZATION.** The nonresident archer hunting license authorizes  
20 the hunting of all game, except bear, elk, wild turkey, and fur-bearing animals,

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1 during the open season for the hunting of that game with a bow and arrow or  
2 crossbow.

3 **SECTION 6.** 29.217 of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 7.** 29.235 (2) (dm) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 8.** 29.235 (2m) (dm) of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 9.** 29.563 (2) (a) 8r. of the statutes is repealed.

7 **SECTION 10.** 29.563 (2) (a) 8t. of the statutes is repealed.

8 **SECTION 11.** 29.563 (2g) of the statutes is repealed.

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

10 29.563 (12) (a) 2. Archer, ~~crossbow~~, sports, or conservation patron, except as  
11 provided in subd. 2m: \$11.25.

12 **SECTION 13.** 29.563 (12m) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 29.563 (12m) **DUPLICATES OF REDUCED FEE APPROVALS.** Notwithstanding the fees  
14 specified under sub. (12) (a) and (b), a person who was issued an approval and  
15 charged the reduced fee specified under sub. ~~(2g)~~ or (6m) may not be charged a fee  
16 for a duplicate of that approval that exceeds the fee specified for the approval under  
17 sub. ~~(2g)~~ or (6m).

18 **SECTION 14.** 29.593 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 29.593 (1) (b) A certificate of accomplishment issued to a person for successfully  
20 completing the course under the bow hunter education program only authorizes the  
21 person to obtain a resident archer hunting license, or a nonresident archer hunting  
22 license, ~~a resident crossbow hunting license, or a nonresident crossbow hunting~~  
23 ~~license.~~

24 **SECTION 15.** 29.593 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           29.593 (2m) A person who has a certificate, license, or other evidence that is  
2           satisfactory to the department indicating that he or she has successfully completed  
3           in another state, country, or province a bow hunter education course recognized by  
4           the department may obtain an archer hunting license or crossbow hunting license.

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