



1995 SENATE BILL 169

May 3, 1995 - Introduced by Senators LEEAN, ELLIS and RUDE, by request of Governor Tommy G. Thompson. Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.093 (2) (cg), 29.107 (1), 29.1075 (1), 29.1085 (2) (c) and
2 29.227 (1) (c); and **to create** 29.227 (1) (dm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
3 issuance of certain hunting approvals to certain persons who are 11 years old.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a minor under the age of 12 may not hunt with a firearm. Also, except for the hunting safety certificate of accomplishment, the department of natural resources (DNR) may not issue any type of hunting approval to a minor under the age of 12. DNR issues a certificate of accomplishment to a minor under the age of 12 when the minor successfully completes a hunter education and firearm safety course. This certificate only authorizes the hunting of small game and can only be used once the minor reaches the age of 12.

Under this bill, a minor who is a state resident and who is 11 years old may apply for a hunting approval that is issued by a preference system used by DNR if the minor has a certificate of accomplishment. The preference system is used to select which hunters will receive a type of approval when the number of applicants seeking the approval exceeds the number of approvals that will be issued. These approvals include turkey hunting licenses, special deer hunting permits and bear harvesting permits. The minor may not use the approval until he or she reaches the age of 12.

For further information see the *state and local* 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.** 29.093 (2) (cg) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 29.093 (2) (cg) *Wild turkey hunting license*. A wild turkey hunting license is
2 valid for the wild turkey hunting season specified on the license but may not be
3 issued to a person who is under 12 years of age except as provided in s. 29.227 (1) (dm)
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5 **SECTION 2.** 29.107 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 29.107 (1) ISSUANCE. The department may issue a hunter's choice deer hunting
7 permit, a deer hunting party permit or other special deer hunting permit to a person
8 with a valid deer hunting license who applies for the permit or to a resident who
9 applies under s. 29.227 (1) (dm) 2.

10 **SECTION 3.** 29.1075 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 29.1075 (1) ISSUANCE. Subject to s. 29.107 (3) and (3m), the department may
12 issue a bonus deer hunting permit to a person who has a hunting license that
13 authorizes the hunting of deer and who applies for the bonus deer hunting permit
14 or to a resident who applies under s. 29.227 (1) (dm) 3.

15 **SECTION 4.** 29.1085 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 29.1085 (2) (c) *License requirement*. The department may not issue a bear
17 harvest permit to a person unless the person has a valid bear hunting license or
18 unless the person is a resident who applies for the permit under s. 29.227 (1) (dm)
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20 **SECTION 5.** 29.227 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 29.227 (1) (c) *Restrictions on obtaining hunting approval*. Except as provided
22 under ~~par.~~ pars. (d) and (dm), no person under 12 years of age may obtain any
23 approval authorizing hunting.

24 **SECTION 6.** 29.227 (1) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

1 29.227 (1) (dm) *Application for certain hunting approvals.* The department
2 may issue any of the following approvals to a resident who is 11 years of age and who
3 applies, but the approval is not valid until that resident becomes 12 years of age:

4 1. A wild turkey hunting license.

5 2. A special deer hunting permit.

6 3. A bonus deer hunting permit.

7 4. A bear harvest permit.

8 5. A Canada goose hunting permit issued under s. 29.174 (2) (c).

9 **(END)**