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2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 633

August 30, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives Musser, Boyle, Hahn, Pridemore, F. Lasee and Townsend, cosponsored by Senator A. Lasee. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

AN ACT to amend 29.173 (2) (b) and 29.193 (2) (cr) 1.; and to create 29.053 (4)
of the statutes; relating to: establishing a season for the hunting of deer while
using a muzzle-loading firearm.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to establish an annual deer hunting season for the hunting of deer with a muzzle-loading firearm. Under the bill, the season must be held during the month of October, start on a Saturday, and last nine days.

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:

- **Section 1.** 29.053 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 29.053 (4) Notwithstanding s. 29.014 (1), the department shall establish an
- 6 annual deer hunting season for the hunting of deer with a muzzle-loading firearm.
- 7 The season shall be held during the month of October, shall begin on a Saturday, and
- 8 shall be 9 days long.

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Section 2. 29.173 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.173 (2) (b) A qualified service member holding a current resident deer hunting license may hunt deer of either sex with a firearm during any season open to hunting of deer with firearms that is established by the department. During an annual deer hunting season for the hunting of deer with a muzzle-loading firearm under s. 29.053 (4), a qualified service member holding a current resident deer hunting license may hunt deer of either sex only with a muzzle-loading firearm. In this paragraph, "qualified service member" means a member of the armed forces who exhibits proof that he or she is a resident, is in active service with the armed forces outside this state and is on furlough or leave.

Section 3. 29.193 (2) (cr) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

29.193 (2) (cr) 1. A person holding a current resident or nonresident deer hunting license and a Class A or Class C permit may hunt deer of either sex with a firearm during any season open to hunting of deer with firearms that is established by the department. During an annual deer hunting season for the hunting of deer with a muzzle-loading firearm under s. 29.053 (4), a Class A or Class C permit authorizes the person to hunt deer of either sex only with a muzzle-loading firearm.