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## **2009 SENATE BILL 207**

May 18, 2009 – Introduced by Senators Harsdorf, Holperin, Kedzie, Plale, Grothman and Schultz, cosponsored by Representatives Rhoades, A. Ott, Meyer, Suder, Brooks, Knodl, Lemahieu, Petrowski, Vos, Nerison and Spanbauer. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

- AN ACT to renumber 29.304(5); to renumber and amend 948.60(3)(a); and
- 2 **to create** 29.304 (5) (b) and 948.60 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:**
- 3 possession and use of a firearm by a person under the age of 12 years.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a minor under 12 years old may not hunt with a firearm under any circumstances and may possess a firearm only if he or she is carrying an unloaded, encased firearm with the supervision of a parent or guardian to or from a hunter education class given under the hunter education program administered by the Department of Natural Resources. He or she may use the firearm only if he or she is doing so during the class under the supervision of the instructor.

The bill creates an exception to these prohibitions that allows a minor under the age of 12 to possess and use a firearm for the purpose of target practice or trap shooting if the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian or by a person who is at least 18 years of age and who has been designated by the parent or guardian.

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

- 4 **Section 1.** 29.304 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 29.304 (5) (a).
- **SECTION 2.** 29.304 (5) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

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29.304 (5) (b) The restrictions on the possession and control of a firearm under
sub. (1) do not apply to a person using a firearm for target practice or trap shooting
if he or she is accompanied by a parent or guardian or by a person who is at least 18
years of age and who is designated by his or her parent or guardian.
<b>Section 3.</b> 948.60 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 948.60 (3) (a) (intro.)
and amended to read:
948.60 (3) (a) (intro.) This section does not apply to a person under 18 years of
age who possesses or is armed with a dangerous weapon when the dangerous weapon
is being used in target practice or for trap shooting under the supervision of an any
of the following:
2. An adult or in during a course of instruction in the traditional and proper
use of the dangerous weapon under the supervision of an adult.
(am) This section does not apply to an a supervising parent, guardian, or adult,
as specified under par. (a), who transfers a dangerous weapon to a person under 18
years of age for use only in target practice under the adult's supervision or for trap
shooting or in during a course of instruction in the traditional and proper use of the
dangerous weapon under the adult's supervision.
SECTION 4. 948.60 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

948.60 (3) (a) 1. A parent or guardian or an adult who is designated by the person's parent or guardian.

21 (END)