



2023 SENATE BILL 587

October 30, 2023 - Introduced by Senators STAFSHOLT, FELZKOWSKI, MARKLEIN, STROEBEL and TOMCZYK, cosponsored by Representatives TITTL, C. ANDERSON, ARMSTRONG, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, GREEN, PENTERMAN, PETERSEN, MAGNAFICI, MURPHY, MURSAU, RETTINGER and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 29.001 (59) of the statutes; **relating to:** defining
2 muzzle-loading firearm for hunting purposes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill defines “muzzle-loading firearm,” as that term applies to hunting, to mean a firearm that shoots a projectile loaded exclusively from the muzzle.

Current law authorizes the use of muzzle-loading firearms for certain hunting activities but does not define “muzzle-loading firearm.” Administrative rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources provide that, during a hunt that is restricted to muzzle-loading firearms, no person may use a firearm other than one with a solid breech plug attached with threads and that is capable of being loaded only from the muzzle.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.001 (59) of the statutes is created to read:
4 29.001 (59) “Muzzle-loading firearm” means a firearm that shoots a projectile
5 loaded exclusively from the muzzle.

6 **SECTION 2.** NR 10.001 (17) of the administrative code is created to read:

SENATE BILL 587**SECTION 2**

1 NR 10.001 (17) “Muzzle-loading firearm” or “muzzleloader” means a firearm
2 that shoots a projectile loaded exclusively from the muzzle.

3 **SECTION 3.** NR 10.09 (1) (d) of the administrative code is amended to read:

4 NR 10.09 (1) (d) Hunt a deer during a muzzleloader-only hunt, such as
5 described in s. NR 10.01 (3) (es), with any gun other than a ~~rifle, shotgun, or handgun~~
6 ~~that is a firearm with a solid breech plug attached with threads and capable of being~~
7 ~~loaded only from the muzzle~~ muzzle-loading firearm.

8 (END)