

State of Wisconsin



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2013 WISCONSIN ACT 71

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 29.038 (3); and *to create* 29.038 (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** restrictions imposed by local governmental units on hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow.

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

SECTION 1. 29.038 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 29.038 (3) (a) and amended to read:

29.038 (3) (a) ~~A. Except as provided in par. (b),~~ a local governmental unit may enact an ordinance or adopt a regulation, resolution or other restriction that has an incidental effect on hunting, fishing or trapping, but only if the primary purpose is to further public health or safety.

SECTION 2. 29.038 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

29.038 (3) (b) 1. In this paragraph:

a. "Building" means a permanent structure used for human occupancy and includes a manufactured home, as defined in s. 101.91 (2).

b. "Restriction" means an ordinance, regulation, resolution, or other restriction enacted or adopted by a local governmental unit.

2. Except as provided in subd. 3., a local governmental unit may not enact or adopt a restriction that prohibits a person from hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow within the jurisdiction of that local governmental unit.

3. A local governmental unit may enact or adopt a restriction that does any of the following:

a. Prohibits a person from hunting with a bow and arrow or crossbow within a specified distance, not to exceed 100 yards, from a building located on another person's land. A restriction enacted or adopted under this subd. 3. a. shall provide that the restriction does not apply if the person who owns the land on which the building is located allows the hunter to hunt within the specified distance of the building.

b. Requires a person who hunts with a bow and arrow or crossbow to discharge the arrow or bolt from the respective weapon toward the ground.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."