



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 234

August 30, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives KLEEFISCH, STROEBEL, KNILANS and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 29.038 (3); and *to create* 29.038 (3) (b) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** ordinances, regulations, resolutions, or other restrictions
3 of local governmental units that restrict hunting with a bow and arrow.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current statutes generally prohibit a local governmental unit from enacting any ordinance or adopting any regulation, resolution, or other restriction (local law) that regulates hunting, fishing, trapping, or management of wild animals except on land that the local governmental unit owns or leases or unless state law specifically authorizes the local governmental unit to enact or adopt such a local law. Current statutes also specify that a local governmental unit may enact or adopt a local law that has an incidental effect on hunting, fishing, or trapping, but only if the primary purpose is to further public health or safety.

This bill provides, with an exception, that a local governmental unit may not enact or enforce a local law that prohibits hunting with a bow and arrow within the jurisdiction of that local governmental unit. Under the exception provided in the bill, a local governmental unit may prohibit hunting with a bow and arrow within 150 yards of an occupied building.

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

