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Resolution

The Problem:

Wisconsin is one of only five states that require state issued back tags for deer hunters. *Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania are the other four.*

Whereas, Back tags for deer and bear hunting are discriminatory as they are not required for any other Wisconsin hunting or outdoor activity.

Whereas, Back tags are a nuisance to wear. Tags must be transferred if outer clothes are carried in to stands or are changed because of temperature or activity changes. The holders can rip clothing and can cause noise that scares deer.

Whereas, coat hoods, backpacks, portable tree stands and archery back quivers easily cover back tags.

Whereas, Back tags are impossible to read when the hunter is leaning against a tree while on stand.

Whereas, Back tags cost the state nearly \$50,000 annually to print.

Whereas, Cell phones, talk about radios, GPS navigation devices and vehicle license plates can aid in apprehending violators.

Be it resolved, the Conservation Congress in it's annual meeting held in Winnebago County on April 16, 2007, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to eliminate the requirement that back tags be worn by deer hunters.

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Winnebago County Vote: YES 45 NO 21