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Lesser Weapon Statute

At present, the state of Wisconsin does not have a "Lesser Weapon" statute for the Deer, Bear and Turkey hunting seasons.

Whereas, in the interest of providing new hunting opportunities without adverse impact on existing hunting seasons. This method would allow for maximum hunting opportunities, increased revenue, and still protect the integrity of existing seasons.

Thus, any hunter could use a rifle, shotgun, handgun, muzzleloader, crossbow or bow under the authority of Gun Deer License and the Class A Bear License. A shotgun, crossbow or bow could be used under the authority of a Turkey License. And only a bow could be used under the authority of an Archery License unless the person meets the State of Wisconsin's requirements of 65 years of age or has a class A, C or B disabled permit for a crossbow.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its' annual meeting held in Racine County on April 11, 2011, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources work with the State Legislature to introduce a "**Lesser Weapon Statute**" that would allow: (1) the use of a rifle, shotgun, handgun, muzzleloader, crossbow or bow under the authority of the Gun Deer License and Class A Bear License (2) the use of a shotgun, crossbow or bow under the authority of a Turkey License (3) the use of a bow under the authority of an Archery License unless the person meets the State of Wisconsin's requirements of 65 years of age or has a class A, C or B disabled permit for a crossbow.

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