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## **Title: Eliminate deer hunting back tag**

*Currently small game, turkey, upland game and many other hunters and fishermen are not required to wear a back tag. Bow and gun deer hunters have long disliked the noisy back tag, not to mention that they dislike poking holes in expensive jackets and the noise back tags make against the tree when hunters are trying their best to be quite in the woods. Neighboring states like IL, MI and MN got rid of back tags long ago. Most states have removed the back tag requirement leaving only Wisconsin and 3 other states that still mandate back tags.*

*Weather changes throughout a day of hunting causes hunters to remove layers. in order to comply with the law, hunters have to keep moving the back tag to whichever outer layer they are wearing mandating that hunters poke holes in even more clothing. Should a hunter lose his back tag while hunting or forget to move the back tag to the outermost layer, he is cited and fined more than \$180. Aside from the damage they do to jackets and the noise and the inconvenience, it is estimated that it costs the state \$170,000 to print back tags.*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that at its annual meeting held in Waukesha County on April 9, 2012 that the Conservation Congress work with the Department and NRB to take action to correct this situation by working with the appropriate authority to remove the requirement of wearing a back tag while deer hunting.*

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