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Title: Remove deer hunting back tag requirement

Neighboring states eliminated the mandate that hunters wear a back tag several years ago. Most states have removed back tag laws leaving only Wisconsin and 3 other states that still require them. Turkey, small game, grouse, predator and other hunters and fishermen are not mandated to wear a back tag.

Bow and gun deer hunters dislike back tags because there noisy, Also, we don't like poking holes in costly hunting coats. When weather changes in the field, hunters remove layers but we have to keep moving the back tag to the outer layer meaning we have to poke holes in even more clothing. If we lose our back tag while hunting or don't remember to move it to the outermost layer, we are cited and fined nearly $200. Estimates show that it costs the state about $160,000 to print the back tags so there is a cost savings by removing them.

The reasons to get rid of the back tag are. Noise, inconvenience, damage to clothing and fines if the back tag falls off or is lost. All of these are good reason to remove the back tag requirement.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at its meeting held in Winnebago 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 legislature to remove the requirement of wearing a back tag while deer hunting.

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