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## Conservation Congress Resolution

At present, the state of Wisconsin does not have a "Lesser weapon" statute for the firearm deer, bear and turkey 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 harvest and revenue, and still protects the integrity of existing seasons.

Under the "lesser weapon" statute, any hunter regardless of age, would be allowed to hunt with a lesser weapon during seasons open to a firearm, as long as all safety and hunting regulations are observed.

Thus, any hunter could use a bow, crossbow, muzzleloader, or shotgun, rifle and handgun **under the authority of a firearm deer license and the class A bear license**. A bow, crossbow, shotgun **under the authority of a turkey license** and only a bow **under the authority of an archery deer license** unless the person meets the state regulations of 65 years of age or has a Class A, C or B permit for a crossbow.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the conservation congress at its annual meeting held in **Dodge County** on **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes to legislation to implement the "lesser weapon" statute for the firearm deer, bear and turkey seasons.

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Passed or failed  
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County vote (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_