



2003 SENATE BILL 19

January 29, 2003 – Introduced by JOINT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 29.305 of the statutes; **relating to:** the beginning date
2 authorized for the hunting of antlerless deer in October.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to establish open and closed seasons for fish and game as well as any bag limits, size limits, rest days, and conditions relating to the taking of fish and game that will conserve the fish and game supply. This bill prohibits DNR from promulgating a rule establishing a four-day deer herd control season in October during which a person is authorized to hunt antlerless deer with a firearm or with a bow and arrow, unless the rule requires that season to begin on the Thursday that immediately precedes the last Friday in October.

This bill is introduced as required by s. 227.19 (5) (e), stats., in support of the objection of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources on November 7, 2001, and the objection of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules on January 10, 2002, to the issuance of a portion of clearinghouse rule 00-154 by DNR. The portion of the proposed rule objected to provides that, if DNR establishes a temporary open season for the hunting of deer, it must establish a four-day deer herd control season for the hunting of antlerless deer with a firearm or with a bow and arrow to begin on the Thursday closest to October 22.

