



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 SENATE BILL 776

February 7, 2018 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, MILLER and JOHNSON, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, HEBL, KOLSTE, SUBECK, SARGENT and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.888 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** eliminating  
2     depredation payments for hunting dogs injured or killed by wolves.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill eliminates the Department of Natural Resources's authority under the wolf depredation program to make payments for death or injury caused by wolves to hunting dogs.

Under current law, DNR administers a wolf depredation program under which it makes payments to persons who apply for reimbursement for death or injury caused by wolves to livestock, to hunting dogs others than those being actively used in hunting of wolves, and to pets and for management and control activities conducted by DNR to reduce damage caused by wolves.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3     **SECTION 1.** 29.888 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     29.888 (**1m**) The department shall administer a wolf depredation program  
5     under which payments may be made to persons who apply for reimbursement for

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1 death or injury caused by wolves to livestock, ~~to hunting dogs other than those being~~  
2 ~~actively used in the hunting of wolves,~~ and to pets and for management and control  
3 activities conducted by the department for the purpose of reducing such damage  
4 caused by wolves. The department may make payments for death or injury caused  
5 by wolves under this program only if the death or injury occurs during a period of  
6 time when the wolf is not listed on the federal endangered list and is not listed on the  
7 state endangered list. The department may expend moneys under this program for  
8 its management and control activities only during a period of time when the wolf is  
9 not listed on the federal endangered list and is not listed on the state endangered list.

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