



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 149

April 15, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, TITTL, BERNIER, BIES, CRAIG, KLEEFISCH, MURPHY, MURTHA, STONE and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Senators LASEE, GROTHMAN and LEIBHAM. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.927 (7); and *to create* 29.618 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 decoys placed in water for migratory game bird hunting.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, it is public nuisance to allow a decoy to be left unattended in a body of water. This bill specifies that the Department of Natural Resources may not prohibit certain decoys to be left unattended in water and that leaving such decoys is not a public nuisance. Under the bill, a decoy may be left unattended in water if it is placed in the water to aid persons engaged in hunting migratory game birds, if the water is landlocked, and if the water is entirely confined on the private property of only one property owner.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.618 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **29.618 Unattended decoys in water.** The department may not prohibit a
5 person from leaving a decoy in water unattended, if all of the following apply:
6 (1) The person places the decoy in the water to aid persons engaged in hunting
7 migratory game birds.

