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CHAPTER 536

AN ACT to create 20.280 (90) and 29.565 of the statutes, relating to a pilot animal wildlife exhibit to be operated by the conservation commission, granting rule-making authority and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.280 (90) of the statutes is created to read:

20.280 (90) ANIMAL WILDLIFE EXHIBIT. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, and annually beginning July 1, 1961, \$3,500 for execution of its functions under s. 29.565.

SECTION 2. 29.565 of the statutes is created to read:

29.565 ANIMAL WILDLIFE EXHIBIT. The conservation commission shall establish an animal wildlife exhibit where wild animals, allowed to roam at will, may be viewed by the public without charge on state owned lands over which the commission has jurisdiction, or upon lands donated to the state for the purpose. The boundary of the area shall be marked by posts placed at intervals of not over 500 feet and bearing signs with the words "Wisconsin Wild Life Exhibit Area." The commission shall provide shelters thereon, for the housing of the caretaker, and the sheltering, nursing and caring for orphaned wild animals, which shall be furnished by the commission, who may accept private donations of such animals. Such animals shall be sheltered and cared for until they are old enough to release, but by providing food and shelter efforts shall be made to induce the animals to return to the area year after year.

(1) The commission shall employ a caretaker with long experience with wild animals, preferably a retired game warden, to manage the exhibit.

(2) No person shall at any time or in any manner hunt or trap within the boundaries of the area, nor have in his possession or under his control therein, any gun or rifle unless it is unloaded and knocked down or enclosed in a carrying case.

(3) The commission may promulgate rules, for the effective accomplishment of the purposes of this section including the duration of the exhibition season.

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