



2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 635

November 13, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives OTT, GRONEMUS, ALBERS, FREESE, GARD, HAHN, HUNDERTMARK, KEDZIE, KRAWCZYK, LADWIG, LASSA, LIPPERT, LOEFFELHOLZ, MCCORMICK, MUSSER, OLSEN, OWENS, PETROWSKI, PLOUFF, RHOADES, RYBA, SKINDRUD, STONE, SUDER, SYKORA, URBAN, VRAKAS, WALKER and WASSERMAN, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF, HANSEN, BAUMGART, S. FITZGERALD, ROSENZWEIG, HUELSMAN, A. LASEE, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 943.76 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** threatening to infect
2 livestock or wild deer with a contagious or infectious disease and providing
3 penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may intentionally introduce a contagious or infectious disease into livestock without the consent of the owner of the livestock or into wild deer without the consent of the department of natural resources (DNR). A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 15 years or both. This bill prohibits threatening to introduce a contagious or infectious disease into livestock without the consent of the owner of the livestock or into wild deer without the consent of DNR if: 1) the owner of the livestock or DNR is aware of the threat and reasonably believes that the person making the threat will attempt to carry out the threat; or 2) the owner of the livestock or DNR is unaware of the threat, but it would be reasonable for the owner or DNR, if apprised of the threat, to believe that the person making the threat will attempt to carry out the threat. A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than ten years or both.

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

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

