



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 381

April 27, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, PETTIS, BIES, PETROWSKI, BALLWEG, BOYLE, HAHN, OWENS, GUNDRUM, SUDER and HINES, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 29.971 (11); and *to create* 29.971 (11) (b) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** changing penalties for hunting deer without a license
3 and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the penalty for hunting a wild whitetail deer without a license, with the aid of artificial light or with the aid of an aircraft, is a fine of \$1,000 to \$2,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both, plus the revocation of any license issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In addition, DNR must deny the issuance of any new license to the person for three years.

This bill changes these penalties to forfeitures of \$1,000 to \$2,000, plus revocation of approvals and the denial of a new license for up to three years, and applies these penalties to the illegal hunting of any wild whitetail deer with antlers. In addition, the bill provides different penalties for the illegal hunting of whitetail antlerless deer without a license, with the aid of artificial light or with the aid of an aircraft. The penalty is a forfeiture of not more than \$200 for the first offense and not more than \$1,000 for a subsequent offense, plus the possible revocation of any current license issued by DNR and denial of issuance of any new DNR license to the person for one year for the first offense and up to three years for a subsequent offense.

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

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SECTION 1

1 **SECTION 1.** 29.971 (11) of the statutes is renumbered 29.971 (11) (a) and
2 amended to read:

3 29.971 (11) (a) ~~For~~ Except as provided in par. (b), for hunting deer without the
4 required approval, during the closed season, with the aid of artificial light or with the
5 aid of an aircraft, except as provided in s. 29.307 (2), for the snaring of or setting
6 snares for deer, or for the possession or control of a deer carcass in violation of s.
7 29.055 or 29.347, by a ~~fine~~ forfeiture of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000 ~~or~~
8 ~~by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both.~~ In addition, the court shall
9 order the revocation of all approvals issued to the person under this chapter and shall
10 prohibit the issuance of any new approval under this chapter to the person for up to
11 3 years.

12 **SECTION 2.** 29.971 (11) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

13 29.971 (11) (b) For hunting antlerless deer without the required approval,
14 during the closed season, with the aid of artificial light or with the aid of an aircraft,
15 except as provided in s. 29.307 (2), for the snaring of or setting snares for antlerless
16 deer, or for the possession or control of an antlerless deer carcass in violation of s.
17 29.055 or 29.347, by a forfeiture of not more than \$200 for the first violation and not
18 more than \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. In addition, the court may order the
19 revocation of all approvals issued to the person under this chapter and may prohibit
20 the issuance of any new approval under this chapter to the person for one year for
21 the first violation and for up to 3 years for each subsequent violation.

22 (END)