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2005 SENATE BILL 654

March 3, 2006 – Introduced by Senators Jauch, Miller, Brown, Harsdorf and Lassa, cosponsored by Representatives Pettis, Gronemus, Musser, Hubler and Ott. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

1 AN ACT to amend 29.971 (3m); and to create 29.315 of the statutes; relating

to: the hunting or possession of deer that are albino or that have entirely white coats and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), it is illegal for a person to hunt wild animals that DNR designates as protected wild animals. A deer with a white coat is one of these protected wild animals. The current penalty for hunting this type of deer is a forfeiture of not more than \$100.

This bill creates a statute, as opposed to an administrative rule, that prohibits the hunting of this type of deer. Under the bill, the penalty for hunting such a deer or possessing or transporting its carcass is a forfeiture of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,000. In addition, the violator is prohibited from having a hunting license or other hunting approval for a period of not less than three years and not more than five years.

For further information see the *state* 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:

Section 1. 29.315 of the statutes is created to read:

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29.315 Hunting albino deer or deer with white coats. No person may
hunt a deer that is albino or that has an entirely white coat or possess or transport
the carcass of such a deer at any time.
Section 2. 29.971 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:
29.971 (3m) For unlawfully hunting a moose or for hunting a deer in violation
of s. 29.315, by a forfeiture of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000 and the

mandatory revocation of all hunting approvals issued to the person. In addition, no hunting approval may be issued to the person for the time period specified by the court. The time period specified shall be not less than 3 years nor more than 5 years

(END)

following the date of conviction under this subsection.