



2013 SENATE BILL 191

May 23, 2013 - Introduced by Senators LASSA and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives SPIROS, BERCEAU, BERNIER, JACQUE, JOHNSON, NASS, OHNSTAD, PASCH, SCHRAA, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, C. TAYLOR and WEATHERSTON. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

1 **AN ACT to consolidate, renumber and amend** 173.12 (3) (a) and (b) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** animals believed to have been involved in fighting or
3 being held as evidence.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if an animal is being held in custody, the owner of the animal is convicted of a crime related to animal fighting, and the animal is one year old or older or shows indication of having participated in fighting, the animal must be disposed of in a proper and humane manner. Under the bill, if any animal is being held in custody and the owner of the animal is convicted of having participated in animal fighting, the animal may either be disposed of in a proper and humane manner or, if the person with custody of the animal determines that the animal does not pose a threat to humans or other animals, be released to a person other than the owner.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 173.12 (3) (a) and (b) of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered
5 173.12 (3) and amended to read:

