



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 38

January 26, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives GARD, LEHMAN, GOETSCH, WARD, MUSSER, LADWIG, BRANDEMUEHL, KREUSER, DOBYNS, OWENS, RYBA, AINSWORTH, SERATTI, HARSDFORF, GROTHMAN, SKINDRUD and OTTE, cosponsored by Senator DRZEWIECKI. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.535 (2); and **to create** 29.535 (2m) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** introduction of wild animals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may introduce into this state a wild animal unless the department of natural resources (DNR) issues the person a permit. Current law defines "wild animal" to be any mammal, bird or fish "or other creature of a wild nature".

Under this bill, DNR may not issue a permit, fund or otherwise allow the introduction in a county of a wild animal that does not inhabit that county and that may cause damage to agricultural crops or livestock unless that county and the conservation congress have approved the introduction of the wild animal. The conservation congress is an organization of Wisconsin citizens that serves in an advisory capacity to the natural resources board.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.535 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 29.535 (2) ~~Nothing~~ Except as provided in sub. (2m), nothing in this section
5 shall prohibit the department or its duly authorized agents from bringing into the
6 state for the purpose of planting, introducing or stocking, or to plant, introduce or
7 stock in this state, any fish, bird or animal.

