



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## 2023 SENATE BILL 798

December 12, 2023 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, AGARD, HESSELBEIN, ROYS, SPREITZER and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives SHANKLAND, CONSIDINE, C. ANDERSON, PALMERI, EMERSON, JACOBSON, OHNSTAD, SHELTON, JOERS and RATCLIFF. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.370 (1) (hs) (title) and 29.063 (1); and *to create* 20.370 (1)  
2           (he) of the statutes; **relating to:** funding for chronic wasting disease research  
3           and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under this bill, the Department of Natural Resources may research chronic wasting disease (CWD) in cervids, in addition to managing and providing funding to conduct testing for CWD, which DNR is authorized to do under current law. A cervid is any species of deer or elk that is present in the wild and that is not a farm-raised deer. The bill also appropriates \$1,000,000 annually from the general fund in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for research on and management of CWD. Current law appropriates no money for this purpose.

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

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

4           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
5           the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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**SECTION 1**

**2023-24**

**2024-25**

1 **20.370 Natural resources, department of**

2 (1) FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

3 (he) Chronic wasting disease man-

4 agement GPR A 1,000,000 1,000,000

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (1) (he) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.370 (1) (he) *Chronic wasting disease management*. From the general fund,  
7 the amounts in the schedule for research on and the management of chronic wasting  
8 disease under s. 29.063 (1).

9 **SECTION 3.** 20.370 (1) (hs) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 20.370 (1) (hs) (title) *Chronic wasting disease management — fees*.

11 **SECTION 4.** 29.063 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 29.063 (1) The department may research, manage, and provide funding to  
13 conduct testing for, chronic wasting disease in cervids.

14 (END)