



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 351

May 17, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives HUTCHISON, SUDER, GUNDERSON, AINSWORTH, OTT, SYKORA, MUSSER, STASKUNAS, KREUSER, PETTIS, PETROWSKI and WAUKAU, cosponsored by Senators FARROW, ZIEN and BAUMGART. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 174.042 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** dogs running at large.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if the owner of a dog permits the dog to run at large, the owner is subject to a civil forfeiture of from \$25 to \$200. A law enforcement officer or a humane officer may take custody of a dog running at large. A dog is considered to be running at large if it is off the property of its owner and not under the control of the owner or some other person.

This bill provides that a dog is not considered to be running at large if the dog is actively engaged in a hunting activity supervised by a person.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 174.042 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 174.042 (1) DOG RUNNING AT LARGE. A dog is considered to be running at large
4 if it is off the premises of its owner and not under the control of the owner or some
5 other person, except that a dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity,

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SECTION 1

1 including training, and that is monitored or supervised by a person is not considered
2 to be running at large.

3 (END)