2019 SENATE BILL 36

February 15, 2019 – Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, CARPENTER, MARKLEIN, OLSEN, SCHACHTNER and SMITH, cosponsored by Representatives EDMING, GUNDRUM, KUGLITSCH, KULP, MURSAU, OLDENBURG, PRONSCHINSKE, QUINN, SKOWRONSKI, SUBECK and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry.

1   AN ACT *to amend* 29.983 (1) (b) 5.; and *to create* 29.983 (1) (b) 5m. of the statutes;

2   **relating to:** a higher wild animal protection surcharge for the unlawful taking

3   of deer.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the wild animal protection surcharge that a court may impose when a person unlawfully kills, wounds, catches, takes, traps, or possesses a deer.

Under current law, if a court imposes a fine or forfeiture for the unlawful killing, wounding, catching, taking, trapping, or possession of certain wild animals, the court may impose a wild animal protection surcharge. The statute specifies the amount of the surcharge allowed for each type of wild animal. Under current law, the surcharge specified for deer is $43.75. Under this bill, the surcharge specified for deer is an amount in the court's discretion that is not less than $43.75 and not more than $5,000.

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:

4   SECTION 1. 29.983 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

1   29.983 **(1)** (b) 5. For any ~~deer,~~ coyote, raccoon, or mink, $43.75.

2   **SECTION 2.** 29.983 (1) (b) 5m. of the statutes is created to read:

3   29.983 **(1)** (b) 5m. For any deer, an amount in the court's discretion that is not

4 less than $43.75 and not more than $5,000.

5   **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

6   (1) This act first applies to violations that occur on the effective date of this

7 subsection.

8   **(END)**