1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 225

March 23, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives Johnsrud, Miller, Hutchison, Albers, Goetsch, Turner and Pettis. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

- 1 AN ACT *to create* 29.335 of the statutes; **relating to:** attracting wild animals
- with bait and granting rule–making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current rules promulgated by the department of natural resources (DNR) restrict the types and locations of bait that may be used for the hunting of certain wild animals. This bill prohibits the use of bait for the purpose of hunting deer unless the bait is plant matter that is left or deposited as part of farming practices or unless the bait is commercially manufactured and weighs not more than two ounces.

The bill requires that DNR promulgate rules restricting or prohibiting the use of bait to attract wild animals for purposes other than hunting.

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:

- **SECTION 1.** 29.335 of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 **29.335 Attracting wild animals with bait. (1)** Use of bait for hunting
- 5 DEER. No person may place or use bait for the purpose of hunting deer unless one of
- 6 the following applies:

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(a) The bait is plant matter that is left or deposited solely as a result of norma	ιl
agricultural practices or normal wildlife management practices.	

- (b) The bait is commercially manufactured and does not weigh more than 2 ounces.
- (2) Rules. The department shall promulgate rules to restrict or prohibit the placement or use of bait for attracting wild animals for purposes other than hunting. The rules may include a prohibition on the placement and use of bait in order to prevent the spread of disease.

9 (END)