

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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1. Please review the definition of "night vision equipment" carefully. I developed this definition from a suggested definition supplied by Gary Homuth of DNR. Although I revised the definition somewhat to make it simpler to follow, I want to be sure that the definition is accurate.

2. Under current law, in s. 29.314 (2), there is a presumption that a person casting the rays of light on a field, forest or other area which is frequented by wild animals is shining wild animals. Do you want to create a similar presumption for a person that uses night vision equipment in an area frequented by wild animals?

3. Under current law, in s. 29.314 (5) (b) 4., there is an exception to the prohibition against shining wild animals between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 to December 31 that allows DNR to promulgate rules permitting a person to shine wild animals during this period. Do you want to allow DNR to promulgate rules that would also permit a person to use night vision equipment during this period?

4. Under current law, in s. 29.314 (6), a county may regulate or prohibit the shining of wild animals. Do you want this provision also to apply to persons who use night vision equipment?

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