

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 859

February 26, 2002 – Introduced by Representatives BOYLE, RICHARDS, SINICKI, REYNOLDS, SCHNEIDER, POCAN and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 29.318 of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting the hunting of
2 mourning doves and requiring a referendum.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under rules promulgated by the department of natural resources (DNR), there is an open season for the hunting of mourning doves.

This bill prohibits DNR from authorizing an open season for the hunting of mourning doves and imposes a specific ban against the hunting of these doves.

The bill, however, does not take effect until there is submitted to the vote of the electors at the general election in November 2002 the question “Shall section 1 of 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), which prohibits the hunting of mourning doves, become law effective January 1, 2003?,” and the question is approved by a majority of all votes cast on the question at the election.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.318 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **29.318 Hunting doves. (1)** Notwithstanding s. 29.001 (42), in this section
2 “hunt” means to shoot, shoot at, take, capture, or kill, or pursue for the purpose of
3 shooting, shooting at, taking, capturing, or killing.

4 **(2)** The department may not establish or authorize an open season for the
5 hunting of mourning doves and no person may hunt mourning doves at any time.

6 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

7 **(1) REFERENDUM.** There shall be submitted to the vote of the electors at the
8 general election in November 2002 the following question: “Shall section 1 of 2001
9 Wisconsin Act (this act), which prohibits the hunting of mourning doves, become
10 law effective January 1, 2003?.” If the question is approved by a majority of all votes
11 cast on the question at the election, SECTION 1 of this act shall become law; otherwise,
12 SECTION 1 of this act shall not take effect.

13 **SECTION 3. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
14 except as follows:

15 **(1)** The treatment of section 29.318 of the statutes takes effect on January 1,
16 2003, if the condition set forth in SECTION 2 (1) of this act is satisfied.

17 **(END)**