2001 SENATE BILL 453

February 20, 2002 – Introduced by Joint Committee For Review of Administrative Rules. Referred to Committee on Environmental Resources.

- 1 AN ACT to create 29.361 (2e) of the statutes; relating to: requirements for
- 2 registering deer killed under the authority of a deer hunting license.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any person may transport a lawfully taken deer during the open season for hunting deer and for three days after that season if it is properly tagged and registered unless the department of natural resources (DNR) provides otherwise by rule. This bill provides that DNR may not promulgate a rule that requires a person who takes a deer with a firearm under the authority of a deer hunting license to register the deer in the deer management area in which it was killed or in an adjoining deer management area before transporting the deer elsewhere. Deer management areas are, under current law, determined by DNR by rule. The bill specifies that the prohibition does not apply to a rule regulating the registration of deer that are killed in a deer management area in which the department establishes a deer herd control season or a rule regulating the registration of antlerless deer.

This bill is introduced as required by s. 227.19 (5) (d), stats., in support of the objection of the assembly committee on natural resources on November 7, 2001, and the objection of the joint committee for review of administrative rules on January 10, 2002, to the issuance of a portion of clearinghouse rule 00–154 by DNR. The portion of the proposed rule objected to provides that deer taken with a firearm under the authority of a deer hunting license must be registered in the management area in which the deer was killed or an adjoining deer management area before being transported elsewhere.

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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. 29.361 (2e) of the statutes is created to read:

29.361 **(2e)** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the department may not promulgate a rule requiring a person who kills a deer under the authority of a resident deer hunting license under s. 29.173 or a nonresident deer hunting license under s. 29.211 to register the deer in the deer management area in which it was killed or in an adjoining deer management area before transporting the deer elsewhere.

- (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to any of the following:
- 1. A rule regulating the registration of deer that are killed in a deer management area in which the department establishes a deer herd control season.
- 2. A rule regulating the registration of antlerless deer that are killed under the authority of a resident deer hunting license under s. 29.173, a nonresident deer hunting license under s. 29.211, a hunter's choice deer hunting permit, a deer hunting party permit, a bonus deer hunting permit, or other special deer hunting permit.

16 (END)