2003 SENATE BILL 63

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1 AN ACT *to create* 29.539 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** removing feathers and

nonedible parts from upland game birds.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law, with limited exceptions, prohibits the sale, purchase, or bartering of wild animals, or parts of wild animals. Wild animals or wild animal parts that are excepted include the tails and skins of lawfully killed squirrels and the hides of bear if they include the bear's claws, head, and teeth. This bill creates a new exception for feathers and other nonedible parts from lawfully killed upland game birds. The bill defines upland game birds to be grouse, partridge, pheasant, quail, and wild turkey.

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.** 29.539 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 29.539 (2m) (a) In this subsection "upland game bird" means a grouse,
- 5 partridge, pheasant, quail, or wild turkey.

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1 (b) The feathers and other nonedible parts of an upland game bird that has been

2 lawfully killed are exempt from sub. (1).

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

4 (1) This act first applies to feathers and other nonedible parts of upland game

5 birds that are killed on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)

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