

2003 SENATE BILL 503

AN ACT *to amend* 29.875 (1r) and 95.55 (1) (a); and *to create* 169.04 (5m) of the statutes; **relating to:** possession of certain white-tailed deer in Walworth County.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** 29.875 (1r) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 29.875 (1r) The department may seize and dispose of or may authorize the
- 3 disposal of any deer that has escaped from land owned by a person registered under
- 4 s. 95.55 or by a person who is subject to s. 169.04 (5m) if the escaped deer has traveled
- 5 more than 3 miles from the land or if the licensee or person has not had the deer
- 6 returned to the land within 24 hours of the discovery of the escape.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** 95.55 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

SENATE BILL 503**SECTION 2**

1 95.55 (1) (a) Except as provided in par. (b) and s. 169.04 (5m), no person may
2 keep farm-raised deer unless the person is registered with the department under
3 this section.

4 **SECTION 3.** 169.04 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 **169.04 (5m) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN DEER.** (a) A person holding a rehabilitation
6 license who is rehabilitating white-tailed deer in Walworth County may possess
7 these white-tailed deer after they have been rehabilitated without holding any other
8 license or approval as required under this chapter and without being registered
9 under s. 95.55 if all of the following conditions apply:

10 1. The deer were taken from the wild before August 1, 2003.

11 2. The license holder keeps the deer within a fenced area that has a double
12 perimeter fence around the area and that complies with all of the requirements
13 under the rules promulgated under s. 90.21 (6).

14 3. The license holder identifies the deer by tagging or by other means as
15 required by the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

16 4. The license holder does not propagate the deer or otherwise allow the deer
17 to reproduce.

18 5. The license holder does not remove, or authorize the removal of, the deer from
19 the facilities and premises that are approved for use under the rehabilitation license.

20 6. The license holder notifies the department of agriculture, trade and
21 consumer protection of any illness found in any of the deer.

22 7. If any of the deer dies, the license holder shall have the carcass tested for
23 chronic wasting disease and shall have the test results submitted to the department
24 of natural resources and the department of agriculture, trade and consumer
25 protection.

