



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 519

September 11, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives GUNDERSON, M. WILLIAMS, ALBERS, BIES, GRONEMUS, GROTHMAN, KRAWCZYK, MUSSER, NASS, OLSEN, PETTIS, SERATTI, SHERMAN and J. WOOD, cosponsored by Senators WELCH, BROWN, DECKER and LAZICH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to create** 29.336 of the statutes; **relating to:** the feeding of deer and elk.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to promulgate rules to regulate the recreational and supplemental feeding of wild animals for purposes other than hunting (recreational feeding rules). Currently, "wild animal" means any mammal, bird, fish, or other creature of a wild nature endowed with sensation and the power of voluntary motion. Under current law, the recreational feeding rules do not apply after June 30, 2004. As of July 18, 2003 (the date on which this analysis was written), these rules had not taken effect.

This bill allows persons to feed elk or deer, other than in a chronic wasting disease eradication, management, or intensive harvest zone, for viewing purposes as an exception to the DNR recreational feeding rules if the site is within 50 yards of an owner-occupied residence and is not less than 100 yards from a highway that has a posted speed limit of more than 45 miles per hour. The bill also allows a person to feed elk or deer for hunting purposes in an area comprising 40 acres or less north of USH 54 during open season for that animal. The same minimum distance from a highway as for recreational feeding applies to feeding for hunting purposes. Under the bill, the total amount of material placed daily for feeding may not exceed two gallons.

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

