

## 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 381

April 27, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, PETTIS, BIES, PETROWSKI, BALLWEG, BOYLE, HAHN, OWENS, GUNDRUM, SUDER and HINES, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 29.971 (11); and *to create* 29.971 (11) (b) of  
2           the statutes; **relating to:** changing penalties for hunting deer without a license  
3           and providing a penalty.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the penalty for hunting a wild whitetail deer without a license, with the aid of artificial light or with the aid of an aircraft, is a fine of \$1,000 to \$2,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both, plus the revocation of any license issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In addition, DNR must deny the issuance of any new license to the person for three years.

This bill changes these penalties to forfeitures of \$1,000 to \$2,000, plus revocation of approvals and the denial of a new license for up to three years, and applies these penalties to the illegal hunting of any wild whitetail deer with antlers. In addition, the bill provides different penalties for the illegal hunting of whitetail antlerless deer without a license, with the aid of artificial light or with the aid of an aircraft. The penalty is a forfeiture of not more than \$200 for the first offense and not more than \$1,000 for a subsequent offense, plus the possible revocation of any current license issued by DNR and denial of issuance of any new DNR license to the person for one year for the first offense and up to three years for a subsequent offense.

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

