

## 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 663

September 15, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives PETTIS, OTT, NERISON, SHERIDAN, M. WILLIAMS and ZIEGELBAUER, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT to create** 943.13 (1e) (bg), 943.13 (4m) (d) and 943.13 (4m) (dm) of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** creating an exception to the trespass statute for retrieval  
3             of hunting dogs.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Generally under current trespass law, subject to a number of exemptions, a person who enters the property of another, without permission, is subject to a Class B forfeiture. Among the persons who are currently exempt from the trespass law are persons authorized to enter property to remove a wild animal and hunters who enter property that is required to be open for hunting. This bill creates an additional exemption for a person who enters property solely for the purpose of retrieving a hunting dog if the person enters on foot and without a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow and if the person leaves the property immediately after retrieving the dog. Under the bill, a person is presumed to have entered the property solely for the purpose of retrieving a hunting dog if the person or someone the person delegates made a reasonable attempt to contact a law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the property entered to inform that agency that the person was entering the property for this purpose.

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

