

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 93

February 8, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives GUNDERSON, PETTIS, ALBERS, BALLWEG, FRISKE, GRONEMUS, HAHN, HINES, HUEBSCH, MOULTON, MURSAU, MUSSER, NASS, NERISON, OTT and VRAKAS, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN and REYNOLDS. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.314 (4) (b) 2. and 29.314 (5) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** using a flashlight while hunting coyotes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, no person may use, or possess with intent to use, a light for the purpose of shining wild animals while the person is hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow. A person is shining an animal if the person is casting rays of light on an area for the purpose of illuminating, locating, or attempting to illuminate or locate wild animals. Current law also prohibits, with certain exceptions, a person from using or possessing with intent to use a light for shining wild animals between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 to December 31, regardless of whether he or she is hunting with a weapon.

Among the exceptions to these prohibitions against using a light to shine wild animals under current law is an exception for a person who uses a flashlight at the point of kill while hunting raccoons, foxes, or other unprotected animals on foot during the open season for hunting those animals. This bill expands this exception to also allow a person to use a flashlight at the point of kill while hunting coyotes on foot.

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

