

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 166

March 3, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives PETTIS, BOYLE, AINSWORTH, BIES, GRONEMUS, HAHN, HINES, HUNDERTMARK, MURSAU, MUSSER, NERISON and VOS, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.889 (7m) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** wildlife damage
2 abatement assistance.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who owns, leases, or controls land where wildlife damage occurs may apply with the county for wildlife damage claim payment and for wildlife damage abatement assistance. Currently, if the person receives wildlife damage claim payments or wildlife damage abatement assistance, the person must permit hunting on the property where the wildlife damage occurred. However, if a person who receives wildlife damage abatement assistance does not have authority to control entry onto the land where the wildlife damage occurred, then the person is not required to permit hunting on the land.

Under this bill, a person who receives only wildlife damage abatement assistance and not any wildlife damage claim payment as the result of damage caused by deer is not required to permit hunting of deer on the land involved in the wildlife damage.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.889 (7m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 29.889 (7m) (a) *Requirements.* A person who receives wildlife damage
2 abatement assistance or wildlife damage claim payments and any other person who
3 owns, leases or controls the land where the wildlife damage occurred shall permit
4 hunting of the type of wild animals causing the wildlife damage on that land and on
5 contiguous land under the same ownership, lease or control, subject to par. (ae). In
6 order to satisfy the requirement to permit hunting under this subsection, the land
7 shall be open to hunting during the appropriate open season. The county, with the
8 assistance of the department, shall determine the acreage of land suitable for
9 hunting. The requirement under this paragraph to permit hunting deer does not
10 apply to a person who receives only wildlife damage abatement assistance as the
11 result of damage caused by deer.

12 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

13 (1) This act first applies to wildlife damage abatement assistance provided on
14 the effective date of this subsection.

15 (END)