

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 486

June 14, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives VAN ROY, KRAWCZYK, BIES, GARD, GUNDERSON, M. WILLIAMS, OTT, PETTIS, PETROWSKI, MCCORMICK, GRONEMUS, HAHN, LOTHIAN, PRIDEMORE and F. LASEE, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE, COWLES, GROTHMAN and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 AN ACT *to create* 29.886 of the statutes; **relating to:** the management of
2 double-crested cormorants and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to, in cooperation with federal agencies, administer a program to control and manage double-crested cormorants. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior has issued an order that applies to many states, including Wisconsin, which authorizes the states to control and manage double-crested cormorants that are causing damage to fish, plants, wildlife, and their habitats. This bill requires DNR to administer the program in a manner that complies with the federal order.

For further information see the *state* 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. 29.886 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **29.886 Management of double-crested cormorants. (1)** In this section:
5 (a) “U.S. depredation order” means the depredation order for double-crested
6 cormorants to protect public resources that was issued by the U.S. department of

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1 interior, fish and wildlife service, in 50 CFR 21.48, to reduce or minimize the wildlife
2 damage caused by double-crested cormorants.

3 (b) “Wildlife damage” means adverse impacts on fish, including fish hatchery
4 stock, wildlife, plants, and their habitats.

5 (2) The department shall, in cooperation with federal agencies, administer a
6 program in a manner that complies with the U.S. depredation order to control and
7 manage double-crested cormorants in order to reduce wildlife damage caused by
8 double-crested cormorants.

9 (END)