

2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 753

February 4, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives GUNDERSON, ALBERS, BIES, LEMAHIEU, A. OTT and SOLETSKI, cosponsored by Senator VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 29.336 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibitions on feeding
2 deer for hunting or viewing purposes and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to promulgate rules that prohibit feeding deer for hunting or viewing purposes in counties that include all or part of a chronic wasting disease (CWD) control zone, in counties in which a positive test for CWD or bovine tuberculosis was confirmed in any captive or free-roaming animal after December 31, 1997, and in counties within a ten-mile radius of an animal that has tested to be positive for CWD or bovine tuberculosis after December 31, 1997. In other counties, deer feeding is limited depending on whether the feeding is for hunting or viewing purposes. Generally, depending on the purpose of the feeding, feeding is allowed only within a specified distance from a business or residence, another feeding site, or a roadway. Additionally, not more than two gallons of material are allowed at the feeding site and the material may not contain any animal part or animal byproduct.

This bill creates specific penalties for the illegal feeding of deer. Under the bill, a person who violates the prohibitions against feeding deer is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$2,500. In addition, a court may revoke the person's hunting approvals and prohibit the issuance of new hunting approvals for a specified period of time. If the person has been issued a guide license by DNR, the bill also authorizes

