

2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 334

May 15, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives NERISON, GUNDERSON, BOYLE, MOLEPSKE, MURSAU, A. OTT, GARTHWAITE, GRONEMUS, PETROWSKI, TAUCHEN, ALBERS, HAHN, HINES, MONTGOMERY and OWENS, cosponsored by Senators VINEHOUT, KAPANKE, LASSA, OLSEN and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 169.11 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** designating
2 feral pigs as harmful wild animals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulates various activities relating to wild animals, including the possession, propagation, sale, and purchase (possession) of those animals and the introduction, stocking, and release of those animals. A wild animal is any animal of a wild nature that is normally found in the wild and that is not a domestic animal.

Current law also specifies that DNR must designate by rule cougars and members of the family ursidae as harmful wild animals and may designate by rule other species of wild animals as harmful wild animals under certain conditions. Under current law, a person may not possess, introduce, stock, or release a live harmful wild animal unless specifically authorized to do so by DNR. Current law provides that public zoos and aquariums, and veterinarians providing medical treatment to wild animals, are exempt from the prohibition against the possession of harmful wild animals. Under current law, DNR must promulgate rules for the housing of wild animals that include specifications for enclosures for each species of harmful wild animal designated by DNR.

This bill requires DNR to designate by rule feral pigs as harmful wild animals.

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

