

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 334		Assembly Amendment 2
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*Current law* requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to designate by rule cougars and members of the family ursidae (bears) as harmful wild animals.

Current law provides that no person may possess, take, propagate, sell, purchase, transfer, exhibit, or rehabilitate a live harmful wild animal unless specifically authorized to do so by the DNR. Public zoos and aquariums, and veterinarians who provide medical treatment to harmful wild animals, are exempt from this prohibition. Current law further provides that no person may introduce, stock, or release, or import into this state to introduce, stock, or release, any harmful wild animal unless specifically authorized by DNR.

2007 Assembly Bill 334 requires the DNR to designate by rule feral pigs as harmful wild animals.

Assembly Amendment 2 is a technical amendment that deletes the term "feral pigs" and substitutes the terms "wild swine, and feral swine."

## Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Nerison on November 27, 2007. On November 28, the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by the same vote.

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