




State of Wisconsin

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

Appendix A

LRB BILL HISTORY RESEARCH APPENDIX

 The drafting file for 2009 LRB-4752 (For: Rep. Vruwink)

has been transferred to the drafting file for


2011 LRB-0719 (For: Rep. Vruwink)



RESEARCH APPENDIX -

PLEASE KEEP WITH THE DRAFTING FILE

Date Transfer Requested: 12/17/2010 (Per: RNK)

 The attached 2009 draft was incorporated into the new 2009 draft listed above. For research purposes, this cover sheet and the attached drafting file were copied, and added, as a appendix, to the new 2009 drafting file. If introduced this section will be scanned and added, as a separate appendix, to the electronic drafting file folder.

2009 DRAFTING REQUEST

Bill

Received: **06/17/2010**

Received By: **rkite**

Wanted: **As time permits**

Companion to LRB:

For: **Amy Sue Vruwink (608) 266-8366**

By/Representing: **Christian**

May Contact:

Drafter: **rkite**

Subject: **Nat. Res. - fish and game**

Addl. Drafters:

Extra Copies:

Submit via email: **YES**

Requester's email: **Rep.Vruwink@legis.wisconsin.gov**

Carbon copy (CC:) to:

Pre Topic:

No specific pre topic given

Topic:

Wildlife damage caused by cougars

Instructions:

Authorize wildlife damage claims for damage caused by cougars. May discuss with DNR (Keith Warnecke).

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Kite, Robin

From: Plata, Christian
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 11:41 AM
To: Kite, Robin
Subject: FW: Wildlife damage abatement and claims program

Robin,

Per our conversation, here is what Leg. Council sent me this morning

From: Letzing, Rachel
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 11:16 AM
To: Plata, Christian
Subject: Wildlife damage abatement and claims program

Hi Christian, Here is some information about this program:

These programs are authorized under s. 29.889, Stats. Under the wildlife damage abatement assistance program (for prevention) and the wildlife damage claim program (for partial compensation), the type of wildlife damage covered is limited to damage caused by deer (not farm-raised deer), bear, geese, turkey, sandhill cranes (if hunting is authorized by the DNR) and elk (if DNR has established a hunting season for elk), to commercial seedlings or crops growing on agricultural land, damage to crops that have been harvested for sale or further use but that have not been removed from the agricultural land, damage to orchard trees or nursery stock or damage to apiaries or livestock.

Counties administer the program with oversight by DNR.

Under s. 29.889 (7), Stats., a person who receives either abatement assistance or damage claim payments must permit hunting of the type of wild animals causing the wildlife damage on that land. In order to satisfy this requirement, the land must be open to hunting during the appropriate open season, subject to certain conditions. If you are thinking of adding cougars to the list above, it seems an exception should be created under this provision since cougars are not a huntable species.

More info from the DNR website:

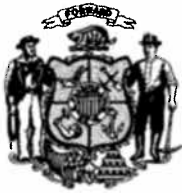
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Hopefully that's enough to get you started. If you want more detailed information, just let me know. I'll be in and out today, but I'll be in all day tomorrow.

Rachel

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2009 - 2010 LEGISLATURE

LRB-4752

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

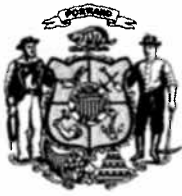
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This bill adds wildlife damage caused by cougar to the type of damage for which a person is eligible to receive wildlife damage payments. The bill also exempts that person from the requirement that the land be open for the hunting of cougar in order to be eligible to receive wildlife damage payments.

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 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:



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