



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 497

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2013 Assembly Bill 497 allows a court to impose a higher wild animal protection surcharge than the surcharge allowed under current law for an animal with a certain size of antlers or skull. The bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to designate a method for measuring antler and skull size, and requires a court to impose the higher surcharge if more than one surcharge is allowed for an offense.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 allows a court to revoke and prohibit issuance of hunting, fishing, and trapping approvals for a person convicted of illegally hunting deer or other similar offences for at least three years and up to the person's lifetime. The substitute amendment also increases the wild animal protection surcharge applicable to affected deer with specified sizes of antlers, requires courts to impose such surcharges, and requires the DNR to designate a method for measuring antler size.

Bill History

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Williams. On February 27, 2014, the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage recommended adoption of the substitute amendment and passage of Assembly Bill 497, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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