



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 659

January 24, 2014 – Introduced by Representatives KRUG and BIES, cosponsored by Senator LASSA. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 95.55 (5) (bg) 3.; and *to create* 95.55 (5) (bj) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** acreage requirements for areas in which farm-raised deer that
3 may be hunted are kept.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection administers the laws that regulate farm-raised deer of any species and that require the registration of owners of farmed-raised deer. Under current law, an owner of a deer farm may charge a fee for hunting deer on the farm only if the deer to be hunted are confined in a contiguous area of 80 acres or more. Current law provides an exemption to this requirement if the deer farm had a deer farm license issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) under previous law that was in effect on December 30, 2002, if the contiguous area is not smaller than the area authorized under the DNR license, and if other requirements are met. This bill expands this exemption to include areas that are less than 80 acres but that are part of a deer farm that is larger than 80 acres if the area that is less than 80 acres is not smaller than it was on December 31, 2002.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 95.55 (5) (bg) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

