



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 41**  
[2017 Senate Bill 68]

**Rules Prohibiting Deer Feeding**

2017 Wisconsin Act 41 limits the time during which feeding deer may be prohibited following a positive test for certain diseases.

State law requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to promulgate rules that prohibit feeding deer for hunting or viewing purposes in certain counties, including a county in which a positive test for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis has been confirmed in any captive or free-roaming domestic or wild animal after December 31, 1997, and in any county in which the county or a portion of the county is within a 10-mile radius of the known location of that animal (neighboring county).

Act 41 provides that, after any positive test for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis has been confirmed, the DNR rule that prohibits feeding deer may not be in effect for longer than 36 months in the county where the tested animal was located or longer than 24 months in a neighboring county.

**Effective date:** August 4, 2017. Act 41 first applies to a confirmation of a positive test for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis occurring on January 1, 1998.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.