AN ACT to amend 29.063 (3) (intro.); and to create 29.063 (3m) of the statutes; relating to: the handling of deer carcasses in the field, the transport of deer carcasses, and the suspension of portions of emergency rules of the Department of Natural Resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes the Department of Natural Resources, in order to control chronic wasting disease, to promulgate rules regulating the transportation, possession, control, storage, or disposal of the carcass of a cervid, which is any species of deer or elk that is present in the wild and that is not a farm-raised deer. Under this bill, DNR may not prohibit the transportation of a deer carcass out of the county in which it was harvested. Also under the bill, DNR must require that all parts of a deer carcass be removed from the field, except for entrails.

This bill is introduced as required by s. 227.26 (2) (f), stats., in support of the action of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules in suspending portions of section NR 10.105, Wis. Adm. Code, emergency rules of the Department of Natural Resources on October 1, 2018. The suspended portions of the rules eliminated restrictions on dividing a deer carcass in the field and a prohibition on leaving any part of a deer carcass in the field and generally prohibited a deer carcass
The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 29.063 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.063 (3) (intro.) To control chronic wasting disease, the department may, subject to sub. (3m), promulgate rules regulating the transportation, possession, control, storage, or disposal of the carcass of a cervid in this state, except that the rules may not apply to any of the following:

SECTION 2. 29.063 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

29.063 (3m) (a) The department may not prohibit the transportation of the carcass of a deer out of the county in which it was harvested.

(b) The department shall require that all parts of a deer carcass be removed from the field, except that entrails may be disposed of in the field.