2019 SENATE BILL 325

July 23, 2019 - Introduced by Senators MARKLEIN, SMITH, NASS, OLSEN and ROTH, cosponsored by Representatives KURTZ, PLUMER, DUCHOW, GUNDRUM, MILROY, MURSAU, NOVAK, OLDENBURG, SKOWRONSKI, TRANEL, TUSLER, VATENBERG and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry.

AN ACT to create 20.370 (5) (fu) and 29.063 (7) of the statutes; relating to: a deer carcass disposal grant program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, the Department of Natural Resources is required to establish a program to award grants to county deer management advisory councils, of up to $5,400 per council per fiscal year, for the disposal of deer carcasses. A grant under this program may be used to pay for the costs of contracting to place in that county no more than six large metal containers in which hunters may dispose of deer carcasses, including the costs of renting, lining, and transporting the containers and disposing of the carcasses. Under the bill, a county deer management advisory council is eligible for a grant if DNR has confirmed a test revealing chronic wasting disease in a wild elk or deer in that county or in an adjacent county within ten miles of their shared border.

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:

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:
20.370 Natural resources, department of

(5) Conservation aids

Deer carcass disposal grants SEG A 205,000 205,000

SECTION 2. 20.370 (5) (fu) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (5) (fu) Deer carcass disposal grants. The amounts in the schedule for
deer carcass disposal grants under s. 29.063 (7).

SECTION 3. 29.063 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

29.063 (7) (a) The department shall establish a program to award grants to
county deer management advisory councils for the disposal of deer carcasses. Under
this grant program, the department may award no more than $5,400 in each fiscal
year to a single county deer management advisory council.

(b) A grant awarded under this subsection may be used to pay for the costs of
contracting to place in that county no more than 6 large metal containers in which
hunters may dispose of deer carcasses, including the costs of renting, lining, and
transporting the containers and disposing of the carcasses.

(c) A county deer management advisory council is eligible for a grant under this
subsection if the department has confirmed a test revealing chronic wasting disease
in a cervid in that county or in an adjacent county within 10 miles of their shared
border.