AN ACT to amend 20.370 (1) (hs) (title) and 29.063 (1); and to create 20.370 (1) (he) of the statutes; relating to: funding for chronic wasting disease research and management and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, the Department of Natural Resources may research chronic wasting disease (CWD) in cervids, in addition to managing, and providing funding to conduct testing for CWD, which DNR is authorized to do under current law. A cervid is any species of deer or elk that is present in the wild and that is not a farm–raised deer. The bill also appropriates $1,000,000 annually from the general fund in fiscal years 2019–20 and 2020–21 for research on and management of CWD. Current law appropriates no money for this purpose.

For further information see the state 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

(1) Fish, wildlife, and parks

(he) Chronic wasting disease management

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SECTION 2. 20.370 (1) (he) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (1) (he) Chronic wasting disease management. From the general fund, the amounts in the schedule for research on and the management of chronic wasting disease under s. 29.063 (1).

SECTION 3. 20.370 (1) (hs) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (1) (hs) (title) Chronic wasting disease management — fees.

SECTION 4. 29.063 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.063 (1) The department may research, manage, and provide funding to conduct testing for, chronic wasting disease in cervids.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2019 biennial budget act, whichever is later.