2021 SENATE BILL 45

January 28, 2021 – Introduced by Senators STAFSHOLT, COWLES, FELZKOWSKI and FEYEN, cosponsored by Representatives TITTL, BROOKS, CALLAHAN, GUNDERUM, KNODL, LOUDENBECK, MOSES, OLDENBURG, SKOWRONSKI, VANDERMEER, WICHGERS, EDMING and ROZAR. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Small Business and Rural Issues.

AN ACT relating to: modifying administrative rules relating to the use of wood to contain bear bait or feed in logs or stumps.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources regulates the hunting, fishing, and trapping of wild animals and is required to promulgate rules to carry out that function. Under rules promulgated by DNR, a person hunting for bear, training a bear dog, or hunting deer in specified counties may not place, use, or hunt over bait or feed that contains or is contained within metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood, or other similar processed materials. This prohibition does not apply to bait or feed placed in hollow logs or stumps or to scent materials.

This bill modifies the DNR rule to authorize affixing a processed wood bottom to a hollow log or stump using adhesive, nails, or screws for the purpose of containing bait or feed.

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

SECTION 1. NR 10.07 (2m) (f) 1. of the administrative code is amended to read:

NR 10.07 (2m) (f) 1. Contains or is contained within metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood or other similar processed materials, except that a processed wood bottom may
be affixed to a hollow log or stump using adhesive, nails, or screws for the purpose
of containing bait or feed. This subdivision does not apply to scent material and does
not prohibit bait or feed from being placed in hollow logs or stumps or to scent
materials.

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