

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 119 [2007 Assembly Bill 334]

Wild and Feral Swine

The statutes require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to designate by rule cougars and members of the family ursidae (bears) as harmful wild animals.

The statutes provide that no person may possess, take, propagate, sell, purchase, transfer, exhibit, or rehabilitate a live harmful wild animal unless specifically authorized to do so by the DNR. Public zoos and aquariums, and veterinarians who provide medical treatment to harmful wild animals, are exempt from this prohibition. The statutes further provide that no person may introduce, stock, or release, or import into this state to introduce, stock, or release, any harmful wild animal unless specifically authorized by DNR.

2007 Wisconsin Act 119 requires the DNR to designate by rule wild and feral swine as harmful wild animals.

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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: <u>http://www.legis.state.wi.us/</u>.