



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 815

January 25, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives BOYLE, JOHNSRUD, HUBLER, GOETSCH, AINSWORTH and KREUSER, cosponsored by Senators JAUCH and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.092 (13m) (a), 29.65 (1) (f) and 29.9965 (1) (b) 6.; and **to**
2 **create** 29.09 (9m) (a) 7. and 29.174 (2) (cm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
3 hunting of sharp-tailed grouse and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of natural resources (DNR) may regulate by rule the hunting of Canada geese by limiting the number of hunters and the number of geese killed. DNR may also require Canada goose hunting permits and tags. Under this bill, DNR may establish by rule the same type of regulatory system for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse.

Under current law, DNR must charge a nonrefundable fee for the processing of certain permit and license applications, including Canada goose hunting permits and wild turkey hunting licenses. Under this bill, DNR must charge the same processing fee for sharp-tailed grouse hunting permits if DNR establishes such a permit.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 29.09 (9m) (a) 7. of the statutes is created to read:
5 29.09 (**9m**) (a) 7. Sharp-tailed grouse hunting permit.

6 **SECTION 2.** 29.092 (13m) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act
7 27, is amended to read:

1 29.092 **(13m)** (a) The processing fee for an application for a hunter's choice deer
2 hunting permit, a bonus deer hunting permit, a wild turkey hunting license, a
3 Canada goose hunting permit, a sharp-tailed grouse hunting permit, a bobcat
4 hunting and trapping permit, an otter trapping permit or a fisher trapping permit
5 is \$2.75.

6 **SECTION 3.** 29.174 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

7 29.174 **(2)** (cm) 1. The department may establish by rule sharp-tailed grouse
8 hunting zones where sharp-tailed grouse hunting is permitted. The department
9 may establish by rule closed zones where sharp-tailed grouse hunting is prohibited.
10 The department may regulate and limit the number of hunters and the maximum
11 harvest of sharp-tailed grouse in any sharp-tailed grouse hunting zone or any other
12 area, by doing any of the following:

13 a. Requiring hunters to tag each sharp-tailed grouse killed with a tag issued
14 by the department.

15 b. Prohibiting the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse without a valid permit issued
16 by the department.

17 2. No preference may be given in the distribution of a permit or tags, except that
18 any applicant who unsuccessfully applied for a permit or tags in the previous year
19 shall be given priority over any applicant who successfully applied for a permit or
20 tags in the previous year.

21 **SECTION 4.** 29.65 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 29.65 **(1)** (f) Any ~~sharptail~~ sharp-tailed grouse, ruffed grouse, spruce hen, wild
23 duck, coot, wild goose or brant, \$26.25.

24 **SECTION 5.** 29.9965 (1) (b) 6. of the statutes is amended to read:

