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## **2003 SENATE BILL 92**

April 2, 2003 – Introduced by Senator Decker, cosponsored by Representatives Hahn, Huber, Ainsworth, Gronemus and Plouff. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

 $m AN~ACT~\emph{to~amend}~29.181~(2m)~(title)~and~29.181~(2m)~(a);~and~\emph{to~create}~29.181$ 

(1b) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** issuance of bonus deer hunting permits to certain residents who are engaged in the production of maple syrup.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may issue bonus deer hunting permits (bonus permits) to residents and nonresidents who hold licenses that authorize the hunting of deer if DNR determines that the size or characteristics of the state's deer population require the hunting of additional or special types of deer. This bonus permit allows the holder to kill an additional deer of the sex or type authorized by DNR. Under current law, an applicant for this bonus permit must pay a fee for the permit. DNR may issue free bonus permits to farm owners who meet certain eligibility requirements. To be eligible, a farm owner must be a state resident and must have already purchased a bonus permit for a given season. Also the farm owner's land must be located in whole or in part in a deer management area where the number of available bonus permits exceeds the number of permit applications or, in whole or in part, in an adjacent deer management area.

Under the bill, a resident who owns a parcel of land that is at least 50 acres in size and that contains trees that are used for the commercial production of maple syrup is eligible for these free bonus permits if the parcel is located in a deer management area where owners of farms are eligible for these free permits.

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For further information see the  $\it state$  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:

1	<b>Section 1.</b> 29.181 (1b) (c) of the statutes is created to read:
2	29.181 (1b) (c) "Maple syrup production land" means a parcel of land, other
3	than land that is enrolled in the conservation reserve program under 16 USC $3831$
4	to 3836, that is at least 50 acres in size and that contains trees that are used on a
5	commercial basis for maple syrup production.
6	<b>Section 2.</b> 29.181 (2m) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
7	29.181 (2m) (title) Resident farm owner <u>Landowner</u> .
8	<b>Section 3.</b> 29.181 (2m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
9	29.181 (2m) (a) The resident is an owner of record or a vendee under a contract
10	of a farm that or of maple syrup production land and the farm or the maple syrup
11	production land is located in whole or in part in the deer management area or in
12	whole or in part in an adjacent deer management area.
13	Section 4. Effective date.
14	(1) This act takes effect on first day of the 7th month beginning after
15	publication.

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