

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 94

March 26, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives Clark, Pope, Sargent, Pasch, Berceau, Hesselbein, Hulsey, Hebl, C. Taylor, Johnson, Bernard Schaber, Wachs, Barnes, Hintz and Sinicki, cosponsored by Senators Risser, Hansen and Carpenter. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

- 1 AN ACT to repeal 29.185 (6) (a) 2. and 29.185 (6) (c); to amend 29.888 (1m),
- 2 29.921 (7) and 29.927 (8); and *to create* 29.185 (6) (am) of the statutes; **relating**
- 3 **to:** use of dogs in hunting wolves.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a wolf harvesting license authorizes the holder to use dogs to track or trail wolves while hunting. This bill prohibits the use of dogs for wolf hunting.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 29.185 (6) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.
- **SECTION 2.** 29.185 (6) (am) of the statutes is created to read:
- 6 29.185 **(6)** (am) *Prohibition against dogs*. No person may use dogs for the purpose of hunting wolves.
- 8 **Section 3.** 29.185 (6) (c) of the statutes is repealed.
- 9 **Section 4.** 29.888 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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29.888 (1m) The department shall administer a wolf depredation program under which payments may be made to persons who apply for reimbursement for death or injury caused by wolves to livestock, to hunting dogs other than those being actively used in the hunting of wolves, and to pets and for management and control activities conducted by the department for the purpose of reducing such damage caused by wolves. The department may make payments for death or injury caused by wolves under this program only if the death or injury occurs during a period of time when the wolf is not listed on the federal endangered list and is not listed on the state endangered list. The department may expend moneys under this program for its management and control activities only during a period of time when the wolf is not listed on the federal endangered list and is not listed on the state endangered list.

Section 5. 29.921 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.921 (7) Dogs injuring wildlife. A warden may kill a dog found running, injuring, causing injury to, or killing, any deer or, elk, or wolf, or destroying game birds, their eggs, or nests, if immediate action is necessary to protect the deer, elk, wolf, or game birds, or their nests or eggs, from injury or death.

Section 6. 29.927 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.927 (8) Any dog found running deer or, elk, or wolf at any time, or used in violation of this chapter.

20 (END)