

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 34

February 10, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives Magnafici, Callahan, Brooks, Bodden, Edming, Green, Maxey, Mursau, Moses, Zimmerman and Sapik, cosponsored by Senators Quinn and Tomczyk. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage.

AN ACT to amend 29.336 (2) (b) and 29.336 (2) (c) of the statutes; relating to:

restrictions on baiting deer in counties based on chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources that ban baiting deer in counties on the basis of confirmed positive tests for chronic wasting disease (CWD) or bovine tuberculosis (bovine TB) must be based on CWD or bovine TB confirmed in free-roaming animals.

Under current law, DNR must promulgate rules that prohibit baiting deer in any county that has a confirmed positive test for CWD or bovine TB in any captive or free-roaming animal. The rule may not prohibit feeding deer for longer than three years after the positive test.

Under current law, DNR must promulgate rules that prohibit baiting deer in any county that is within 10 miles of the location of a confirmed positive test for CWD or bovine TB in any captive or free-roaming animal. The rule may not prohibit feeding deer for longer than two years after the positive test.

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

SECTION 1

SECTION 1. 29.336 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.336 (2) (b) A county in which a positive test for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis has been confirmed in any captive or free-roaming domestic or wild animal after December 31, 1997. A rule promulgated under this paragraph may not prohibit feeding deer for longer than 36 months after any positive test for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis has been confirmed.

SECTION 2. 29.336 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.336 (2) (c) A county in which the county or a portion of the county is within a 10-mile radius of the known location of a eaptive or free-roaming domestic or wild animal that has been tested and confirmed to be positive for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis after December 31, 1997. A rule promulgated under this paragraph may not prohibit feeding deer for longer than 24 months after any positive test for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis has been confirmed.

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