2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 592

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1   AN ACT *to amend* 167.31 (2) (d); and *to create* 167.31 (4) (fm) of the statutes;

2   **relating to:** the authority to shoot a wild animal causing damage to a highway.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources may remove or authorize the removal of a wild animal that is causing damage or that is causing a nuisance. Generally, the removal may involve capturing, shooting, setting a trap for, relocating, or otherwise destroying or disposing of the wild animal. However, current law generally prohibits anyone from discharging a firearm within 50 feet of the center of a roadway. This bill adds an exception to this prohibition for DNR or an agent of a city, village, town, or county authorized by DNR to shoot a wild animal that is causing damage to a highway.

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

3   SECTION 1. 167.31 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4   167.31 **(2)** (d) Except as provided in sub. (4) (a), (bg), (cg), (e), (fm), and (g), no

5   person may discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow

6   from or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway.

1   **SECTION 2.** 167.31 (4) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:

2   167.31 **(4)** (fm) Subsection (2) (d) does not prohibit the department of natural

3   resources, acting under s. 29.885, or an agent of a city, village, town, or county

4   authorized by the department of natural resources under s. 29.885 from discharging

5   a firearm within 50 feet of the center of a roadway in order to dispose of an animal

6   that is causing damage to a highway in which the roadway is located.

7   **(END)**