



2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 61

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AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.336 (2) (b) and 29.336 (2) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 rules that prohibit feeding deer in certain counties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill limits the time during which the feeding of deer may be prohibited following a positive test for certain diseases.

Current law requires the Department of Natural Resources to promulgate rules that prohibit feeding deer for hunting or viewing purposes in certain counties, including counties in which a positive test for chronic wasting disease (CWD) or bovine tuberculosis (BT) has been confirmed in any captive or free-roaming domestic or wild animal after December 31, 1997, and in any county in which the county or a portion of the county is within a ten-mile radius of the known location of that animal (neighboring county). This bill provides that, after any positive test for CWD or BT has been confirmed, the rule prohibiting feeding deer may not be in effect for longer than 36 months in the county where the tested animal was located or longer than 24 months in neighboring counties.

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:

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

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SECTION 1

1 29.336 (2) (b) A county in which a positive test for chronic wasting disease or
 2 bovine tuberculosis has been confirmed in any captive or free-roaming domestic or
 3 wild animal after December 31, 1997. A rule promulgated under this paragraph may
 4 not prohibit feeding deer for longer than 36 months after any positive test for chronic
 5 wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis has been confirmed.

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

7 29.336 (2) (c) A county in which the county or a portion of the county is within
 8 a 10-mile radius of the known location of a captive or free-roaming domestic or wild
 9 animal that has been tested and confirmed to be positive for chronic wasting disease
 10 or bovine tuberculosis after December 31, 1997. A rule promulgated under this
 11 paragraph may not prohibit feeding deer for longer than 24 months after any positive
 12 test for chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis has been confirmed.

13 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

14 (1) This act first applies to a confirmation of a positive test for chronic wasting
 15 disease or bovine tuberculosis occurring on January 1, 1998.

16 (END)