



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2003 Assembly Bill 197**

**Assembly Amendment 1 and  
Senate Amendment 1**

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**Current law** directs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue a hound dog training license or a hound dog trial license to an individual who meets the specified requirements for the respective license. Currently, the DNR may promulgate rules that establish additional standards, limitations, and requirements for these licenses.

**Assembly Bill 197** relates to the types of captive animals that may be purchased, possessed, released into the wild, and hunted by holders of these licenses.

**Assembly Amendment 1** directs the DNR to issue either of these licenses to an applicant based on the applicable rules in effect on the date of the application and specifies that the DNR may not delay the issuance of a license pending promulgation of additional, modified, or new rules.

**Senate Amendment 1** amends the prohibition in the captive wildlife law on a person selling or offering to sell or purchasing or offering to purchase the opportunity to hunt any wild animal that is or has been captive as authorized under a dog training license, if the hunting does not involve the release of a captive wild animal into the wild and does not include shooting, shooting at, intentionally killing, or attempting to kill any wild animal. The type of hunting that could satisfy this condition includes the pursuit of a wild animal. Senate Amendment 1 also establishes that the prohibition on commercial hunting of a captive wild animal does not apply to any of the following:

- Fees paid to enter into an organized competitive field trial event involving sporting dog breeds that is sanctioned, licensed, or recognized by a local, state, regional, or national dog organization and authorized under a valid bird dog trial license or hound dog trial license.
- Membership fees paid to join a dog club.

**Legislative History**

Representative Suder introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on October 28, 2003. On November 4, 2003, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed Assembly Bill 197, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 72; Noes, 27.

On February 18, 2004, the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources introduced and adopted Senate Amendment 1 to 2003 Assembly Bill 197 on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1, and recommended concurrence in Assembly Bill 197, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1.

On March 4, 2004, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 on a voice vote and concurred in Assembly Bill 197, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 25; Noes, 7.

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