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2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 566

October 6, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives Boyle, Johnsrud, Freese, Musser, Gronemus, Hines, Staskunas, Ward, Ziegelbauer, Hahn, Shilling, Albers, Krawczyk, Bies and Loeffelholz, cosponsored by Senator Schultz. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 AN ACT to repeal 29.889 (7m) (am) and 29.889 (7m) (b) 2.; and to amend 29.889

(7m) (a) and 29.889 (7m) (b) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** wildlife damage abatement assistance.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a person who owns, leases, or controls land where wildlife damage occurs, that person may apply with the county for a wildlife damage claim payment and for assistance with wildlife damage abatement. Currently, if the person receives a wildlife damage claim payment and wildlife damage abatement assistance, the person must permit hunting on the property where the wildlife damage occurred. The only exception to this requirement to allow hunting is if the person who receives the payment of assistance does not have authority to control entry onto the land where the wildlife damage occurred.

This bill continues to require a person who receives any wildlife damage claim payments to open the land involved in the wildlife damage to hunters but allows a person who receives only wildlife damage abatement assistance and no payments to not open the property involved in the wildlife damage to hunting.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

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SECTION 1.	29.889 ((m)	(a)	01 ti	nе	statutes	1S	amended	to	read:

29.889 (7m) (a) Requirements. A person who receives wildlife damage abatement assistance or wildlife damage claim payments and any other person who owns, leases or controls the land where the wildlife damage occurred for which the wildlife damage claim payment was made shall permit hunting of the type of wild animals causing the wildlife damage on that land and on contiguous land under the same ownership, lease or control, subject to par. (ae). In order to satisfy the requirement to permit hunting under this subsection, the land shall be open to hunting during the appropriate open season. The county, with the assistance of the department, shall determine the acreage of land suitable for hunting.

- **SECTION 2.** 29.889 (7m) (am) of the statutes is repealed.
- 12 **Section 3.** 29.889 (7m) (b) 2. of the statutes is repealed.
- **SECTION 4.** 29.889 (7m) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
 - 29.889 (7m) (b) 3. Payment of the costs for reviewing and approving the wildlife damage claim or wildlife damage abatement assistance and the costs of investigating the failure to permit hunting on the land.

SECTION 5. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to wildlife damage abatement assistance provided on the effective date of this subsection.

20 (END)