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## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 866

February 19, 2004 – Introduced by Representative JOHNSRUD, by request of Department of Natural Resources. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 AN ACT to amend 29.314 (5) (a) of the statutes; relating to: shining wild animals

during a certain period of each year.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits, with limited exceptions, the shining of wild animals by a person while hunting or while in possession of a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow. This prohibition applies 24 hours a day and year round. Current law defines "shining" to be the casting of rays of light for the purpose of illuminating or locating wild animals.

Current law also prohibits, with limited exceptions, the shining of wild animals under any circumstances after 10:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m. each day from September 15 to December 31. This bill extends the December 31st date to January 31st.

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:

**SECTION 1.** 29.314 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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29.314 (5) (a) *Prohibition*. No person may use or possess with intent to use a
light for shining wild animals between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 to
December the immediately following January 31.

(END)