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2019 SENATE BILL 535

October 31, 2019 - Introduced by Senators TIFFANY and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives EDMING, BALLWEG, BOWEN, FELZKOWSKI, HORLACHER, KULP, KURTZ, MILROY, MURSAU and NOVAK. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs.

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.

