

CHAPTER 443, Laws of 1977

AN ACT to create 29.03 (10) and 29.27 of the statutes, relating to regulating permanent waterfowl hunting blinds on state property and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 29.03 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

29.03 (10) Any blind used in hunting waterfowl in violation of s. 29.27.

SECTION 2. 29.27 of the statutes is created to read:

29.27 Regulation of waterfowl blinds. (1) In this section:

(a) "Blind" means a permanent structure used in hunting waterfowl which is not removed at the end of hunting hours each day.

(b) "Waterfowl" means wild geese, brant, wild ducks, rails, coots, gallinules, jacksnipe, woodcock, plovers, sandpipers and wild swan.

(3) A blind situated on state-owned property and used in hunting waterfowl must bear the name of the owner affixed permanently to the blind in lettering one-inch square or larger. The blind may be erected not more than 7 days prior to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season, as prescribed by the department, and must be removed within 7 days after the close of the season. A blind situated on state-owned property which does not bear the name of the owner as prescribed by this section is a public nuisance. The department may seize all such nuisances and may destroy or sell the blinds in the name of the state. The department and its deputies are exempt from all liability to the owner for the seizure and destruction or sale of the blind. The owner is responsible for removing the blind within 7 days after the close of the waterfowl hunting season. Any owner who erects a blind more than 7 days prior to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season or who does not remove a blind within 7 days after the close of the waterfowl season shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.
