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<b>2009 Wisconsin Act 38</b> [2009 Senate Bill 112]	<b>Trapping and Transfer of Wild Animals</b>
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Previously, possession of a green skin<sup>1</sup> of an animal after the fifth day following the end of the open season for the animal was only allowed for beaver. This Act allows year-round possession of a green skin of a lawfully killed fur-bearing animal that either:

- Carries a registration tag issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) (for limited draw species such as bobcat, otter, or fisher);
- Is the green skin of an animal for which there is an open season without any bag or possession limits; or
- Was taken on land owned or occupied by the person or by the person’s family member.

Before passage of this Act, a person was allowed to sell, buy, barter for, or trade (transfer) the tail and skin of a squirrel. This Act allows a person to also transfer squirrel skulls and claws.

Prior to passage of Act 38, a person was generally prohibited from transferring any wild animal or its carcass during the closed season for that animal. This Act allows a person to transfer a wild animal, even during the closed season for that animal, if it is not a deer, bear, elk, squirrel, game bird, or game fish and there is an open season and no bag or possession limit for the animal.

This Act also allows the transfer of:

- A lawfully taken fur-bearing animal that has a valid registration tag attached by DNR.

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<sup>1</sup>“Green skin” means a hide that either has not been removed from the carcass or a hide that is off of the animal but not fleshed or stretched and dried.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

- A rabbit, or its parts, if taken by landowners on their own property or as part of the DNR program for eliminating nuisance wildlife.
- Liquid scent made from the carcass of a wild animal, except from a bear's gallbladder.

Previously, a metal tag that listed the name and address of the owner of the trap was required to be attached to each trap used by a trapper. This Act requires the name and address or the DNR customer number of the operator of a trap to be on the metal tag attached to each trap used.

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