

State of Wisconsin



2017 Assembly Bill 323

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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 64

AN ACT *to amend* 29.001 (30), 29.001 (36) and 29.337 (2); and *to create* 29.192 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring an open season for woodchucks.

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

SECTION 1. 29.001 (30) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.001 (30) "Fur-bearing ~~animals~~ animal" includes otter, beaver, mink, muskrat, woodchuck, marten, fisher, skunk, raccoon, fox, weasel, opossum, badger, wolf, coyote, bobcat, cougar, and lynx.

SECTION 2. 29.001 (36) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.001 (36) "Game ~~animals~~ animal" includes deer, moose, elk, bear, ~~rabbits, squirrels,~~ rabbit, squirrel, woodchuck, fox, and raccoon.

SECTION 3. 29.192 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

29.192 (6) The department shall establish a year-round open season for hunting and trapping woodchucks. The department may not impose a bag or possession limit for this season.

SECTION 3m. 29.337 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.337 (2) The owner or occupant of any land ~~and,~~ any member of ~~his or her~~ the owner or occupant's family, and any individual with the owner or occupant's consent may take beaver, rabbits, raccoons, woodchucks, and squirrels on the land at any time by means of live trapping with box traps in areas where the discharge of a firearm is illegal.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."