



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Senate Bill 249

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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SENATE BILL 249

Senate Bill 249 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish an open season for hunting and trapping woodchucks that begins on July 1 of each year and ends on the following December 31. DNR would not be allowed to impose a bag limit or possession limit for this season.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Instead of an open season that begins on July 1 of each year and ends on the following December 31, Senate Amendment 1 requires DNR to establish a year-round open season for hunting and trapping woodchucks, with no bag or possession limit.

Senate Amendment 1 also adds woodchucks to the list of species (beaver, rabbit, raccoons, and squirrels) that, under current law, a landowner or occupant, and any member of his or her family, may take at any time by means of live trapping with box traps in areas where the discharge of a firearm is illegal. In addition, Senate Amendment 1 provides that any individual who has the landowner's or occupant's consent may also take any of these species at any time by means of live trapping with box traps in areas where the discharge of a firearm is illegal.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Tiffany on June 7, 2017. On the same date, the Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes 1.

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