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CHAPTER 450.

AN ACT to repeal section 29.18 of the statutes and to create a new section to be numbered 29.18, relating to a close season for wild animals and birds.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 29.18 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. A new section is added to the statutes to be numbered and to read: 29.18 A close season is established for each variety of wild animals and birds named herein, extending during all the time in each year except the open season period embraced within the dates, both inclusive, specified for each variety and each locality, respectively; and, except as expressly provided in this chapter, no person shall hunt or trap any such wild animal or bird at any time other than the open season therefor, nor in the open season in excess of the number designated for each variety or each locality, respectively, nor wild birds of more than one variety except a mixed bag limit of twenty each day in the open season, but containing not more than the bag limit of any one variety. Wild ducks and coots or mud hens shall be deemed, collectively, one variety:

(1) For moose and elk there shall be no open season.

(2) For deer there shall be no open season in the counties of Adams, Brown, Buffalo, Calumet, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Door, Dunn, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, La Crosse, La Fayette, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pepin, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago and Wood. In other counties there shall be an open season for ten days commencing the first of December in even numbered years for one buck deer not less than one year old.

(3) For otter in Florence, Forest, Iron, Juneau, Price, Langlade, Oconto, Oneida and Vilas counties, there shall be an open season from March first to March thirty-first.

(4) For mink and muskrat there shall be an open season from January first to April tenth, in all counties excepting the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waushara, Waupaca, Marathon, Lincoln, Forest, Florence, Oneida, Langlade, Marinette and Winnebago, where the open season shall be from October twenty-fifth to April first. There shall be no open season in Vernon, Crawford and Richland counties.

(5) For marten, fisher, there shall be no open season.

(6) For skunk and raccoon there shall be an open season from November first to January thirty-first in all counties south of the north line of Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Outagamie, Brown and Kewaunee counties; and in all other counties from October fifteenth to January fifteenth.

(7) For squirrels of any variety there shall be no open season in Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties. In all other counties there shall be an open season from November first to February first, except in Richland, Crawford and Vernon counties the open season shall be from October first to January first, with a bag limit of five for each day.

(8) For rabbits there shall be no close season in Crawford, Grant, Polk, Richland and Vernon counties, but there shall be a bag limit in Crawford and Grant counties of five for each day. In all other counties south of the north line of Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, Wood, Portage, Waupaca, Outagamie, Brown and Kewaunee counties, there shall be an open season from November first to January first, with a bag limit of five for each day. In all other counties from October first to February first, with a bag limit of five for each day.

(9) For wild swan there shall be no open season.

(10) For wild goose, brant, there shall be an open season from September sixteenth to December thirty-first, with a bag limit of eight for each day.

(11) For wild ducks, (except wood duck) coots and mud hens there shall be an open season from September sixteenth to December twentieth, with a bag limit of fifteen for each day.

(12) For wood ducks there shall be no open season, and for wood cocks there shall be an open season from October first to November thirtieth, with a bag limit of six for each day.

(13) For plovers, snipes, rails and rice hens there shall be an open season from September sixteenth to December twentieth, with a bag limit of fifteen for each day.

(14) For prairie chickens and grouse there shall be no open season in Barron, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dunn, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, La Crosse, La Fayette, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Oneida, Ozaukee, Polk, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, St. Croix, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca and Winnebago counties; but in all other counties there shall be an open season of four days, commencing on the third Saturday in September, and a bag limit of five for each day, including mixed bags.

(15) For partridges and spruce hens there shall be no open season in the counties of Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, La Fayette, Manitowoc, Polk, Richland, Sauk, Vernon and Winnebago; but in all other counties there shall be an open season of four days, commencing on the first Saturday in October, with a bag limit of five for each day, including mixed bags.

(16) There shall be no open season in Waukesha and Jefferson counties for Mongolian, Chinese, ring neck or English pheasants, quails, bob-whites, or Hungarian partridges.

(17) There shall be no close season or bag limit for crows, English sparrows, blackbirds, hawks, great horned owls, kingfisher, bittern or blue heron.

(18) For song birds and all other wild birds not specified herein there shall be no open season.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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