



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 35
[2013 Senate Bill 162]

Sport Shooting Ranges

2013 Wisconsin Act 35 amends the law relating to the regulation of certain sport shooting ranges.

Prior to Act 35, Wisconsin law generally protected the owner or operator of a sport shooting range from noise-related civil actions and zoning ordinances. Also, a sport shooting range in existence on June 18, 2010, was allowed to continue its operation notwithstanding zoning ordinances if, at that time, the operation was a lawful use or a legal nonconforming use. Such a range could also continue to operate as a sport shooting range notwithstanding various statutes, ordinances, or resolutions relating to firearms or noise.

Act 35 amends the prior law to provide that the operation of a sport shooting range in existence on July 16, 2013, may continue to operate as a sport shooting range at that location notwithstanding a zoning ordinance, if the sport shooting range is a lawful use or nonconforming use under the zoning ordinance then in effect. The operation of the sport shooting range continues to be a lawful use or legal nonconforming use notwithstanding any expansion of, or enhancement or improvement to, the sport shooting range.

Effective date: The Act took effect on July 7, 2013.

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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/>.