



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 295
[2013 Assembly Bill 730]

**Modifying and Repealing
Various Rules of the
Department of Natural Resources**

2013 Wisconsin Act 295 modifies and repeals various rules of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), making the following changes:

- Generally exempting users of state trails from nighttime closing hours applicable under prior law. However, DNR may close a state trail or a portion of a state trail at night by posting notice of closing hours.
- Allowing trappers to enter state park lands no earlier than one hour prior to the opening of trapping hours on the land.
- For state park lands with no established hunting hours, allowing hunters to enter beginning one hour prior to sunrise.

The Act also modifies chs. 13, 35, and 227, Stats., relating generally to the promulgation procedure for administrative rules, to formally recognize modification of administrative rules by legislative initiative. Under the Act, administrative rules repealed or modified by legislative initiative must be published in the Administrative Code and Administrative Register and the repeal or modification must take effect on the first day of the month commencing after publication in the Administrative Register.

Effective date: The Act took effect on April 18, 2014. Rules treated by the Act will be published in the May 31 Administrative Register and take effect on June 1, 2014.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.