



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2015 Wisconsin Act 248**  
[2015 Senate Bill 435]

**Wild Game Bird Feathers**

Current law generally prohibits the sale, purchase, barter, or trade of wild animals unless an exception applies. 2015 Wisconsin Act 248 exempts all of the following from this general prohibition:

- Lawfully taken feathers of a grouse, partridge, pheasant, quail, or wild turkey.
- Naturally shed feathers of a partridge, pheasant, quail, or wild turkey.
- Naturally shed feathers of a grouse of a species not listed as endangered or threatened and not a sharp-tailed grouse.
- Naturally shed feathers of a sharp-tailed grouse collected from an area where there is an open season for hunting sharp-tailed grouse.

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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>.