



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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## 2015 SENATE BILL 542

January 8, 2016 - Introduced by Senators TIFFANY, MARKLEIN and MOULTON, cosponsored by Representatives A. OTT, DANOU, HORLACHER, KREMER, KULP, BRANDTJEN, T. LARSON, E. BROOKS, NYGREN, TAUCHEN, MACCO, SCHRAA, MILROY, EDMING, MURSAU, QUINN, RIPP, KLEEFISCH and SWEARINGEN. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry.

- 1     **AN ACT to amend** 29.185 (5) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** the date on which  
2     the annual open season for hunting and trapping wolves begins.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill changes the date on which the annual open season for hunting and trapping wolves begins.

Current law authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow the hunting and trapping of wolves if the wolf is not listed on the federal and Wisconsin lists of endangered and threatened species (endangered lists). Current law requires DNR to regulate wolf hunting and trapping and to implement a wolf management plan. To that end, DNR issues wolf harvesting licenses authorizing the hunting or trapping of wolves if those wolves are not listed on the endangered lists. If wolf hunting and trapping is allowed, DNR must establish a single annual open season that begins on October 15 of each year and ends on the last day of February of the following year.

This bill changes the date on which the annual open season for wolf hunting and trapping begins from October 15 of each year in which wolf hunting and trapping is allowed to the first Saturday in November of each year in which wolf hunting and trapping is allowed.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

