

State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Bill 225

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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 63

AN ACT *to create* 29.014 (1s) and 29.014 (1t) of the statutes; **relating to**: a uniform end date for certain open hunting and trapping seasons.

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

SECTION 1. 29.014 (1s) of the statutes is created to read:

29.014 (1s) If the department establishes an open season for hunting or trapping any of the following animals, the department shall end the open season for each on the Sunday nearest January 6:

- (a) Pheasant.
- (b) Gray partridge.
- (c) Fisher.
- (d) Wild turkey, if the open season begins in the fall.
- (e) Deer, if the season is open only to archers.

SECTION 2m. 29.014 (1t) of the statutes is created to read:

29.014 (1t) (a) Notwithstanding sub. (1s), if the department determines, based on harvest registration data for an animal in a specific area of the state, that hunters or trappers are likely to take more than the quota set for that animal for the open season in that area, the department may close the season for that animal in that area.

(b) Notwithstanding sub. (1s), the department may change the end date for an open season for the hunting or trapping of any animal listed in sub. (1s) (a) to (e) in specific areas of the state if the department determines it is necessary to promote the growth or control the population of that animal in that area.

SECTION 2s. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on February 1, 2018, or on the day after publication, whichever is later.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."