

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

## 2017 Wisconsin Act 43 [2017 Senate Bill 178]

## Certain Dog Training Fences on Managed Forest Land

In order to enroll in the Managed Forest Land (MFL) program, a parcel of land must meet certain eligibility requirements specified in state law. A parcel of land with a fence is eligible for participation in the MFL program unless the fence prevents the free and open movement of wild animals across any portion of the parcel.

2017 Wisconsin Act 43 provides an exception to the prohibition on such fences if all of the following apply: (1) the fence is used for dog training purposes; (2) the fence is on land owned by a nonprofit organization that is described in section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code and that holds a dog club training license under state law; and (3) the fence existed on January 1, 2017 on land designated as closed MFL.

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