AN ACT to create 29.014 (1n) of the statutes; relating to: hunting hours for hunting deer, bear, small game, or wild turkey.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if the Department of Natural Resources limits daytime hunting hours in a manner that applies to the hunting of deer, bear, wild turkey, or small game, not including pheasants and migratory birds, those limited hours must be 30 minutes before sunrise through 30 minutes after sunset. Under current law, the hunting hours established by DNR for those animals are generally 30 minutes before sunrise through 20 minutes after sunset, except that hunting hours for wild turkey in the spring season close at sunset.

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

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

29.014 (1n) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), if the department limits daytime hunting hours in a manner that applies to the hunting of deer, bear, small game, or wild turkey, the department shall establish those hunting hours to be 30 minutes before sunrise through 30 minutes after sunset.
(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to hunting hours that the department establishes for the hunting of pheasants or migratory birds.