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CHAPTER 77

AN ACT to amend 29.573 (2) and 29.574 (6) (a); to repeal and recreate 29.574 (3m); and to create 29.574 (3n) of the statutes, relating to game farms and shooting preserves and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 29.573 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.573 (2) No license shall be granted unless the applicant * * * owns or * * * has under lease the area for which the license is granted. Boundaries of the area licensed shall be * * * defined * * * and * * * posted as * * * prescribed by the conservation commission.

SECTION 2. 29.574 (3m) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

29.574 (3m) No game bird and animal farm license shall be issued after the effective date of this section (1961) other than those already in operation for any area less than one-quarter mile from the exterior boundaries of an approved state or federal wildlife area, public hunting grounds or refuge which is managed in whole or in part for pheasants. All lands under one license shall be contiguous. This section shall not prohibit the licensing of game bird and animal farms within one-quarter mile of ap-

proved state or federal wildlife areas, public hunting grounds, or refuges provided such licensed farms are completely enclosed, including an enclosed top of woven wire with mesh not larger than 6 inches.

SECTION 3. 29.574 (3n) of the statutes is created to read:

29.574 (3n) Within 30 days after the date of the issuance of any such license, the licensee shall erect posts or stakes at intervals of not more than 80 rods along the boundary of the land embraced in said license, wherever the same is not already enclosed, and shall post and maintain, upon said posts, stakes or other enclosure, notices proclaiming the establishment of a game bird and animal farm. Such notices shall be furnished by the conservation commission to the licensee at cost.

SECTION 4. 29.574 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.574 (6) (a) Such game birds and animals, except * * * waterfowl, may be taken at any time and in any manner by persons qualified under this chapter to hunt thereon. Waterfowl may only be taken pursuant to the rules adopted by the conservation commission and in effect governing the hunting of waterfowl, except that upon written application the commission may authorize the taking of hand-reared mallards at any time within the boundaries of a licensed game bird and animal farm in numbers not to exceed those liberated or propagated when it appears to the satisfaction of the commission that only mallards liberated or propagated by the licensee will be taken on such farm. The applicant shall certify to the commission that mallards liberated or propagated for shooting were produced and reared in captivity and are more than 2 generations removed from the wild. Hand-reared mallards shall not be released for shooting purposes unless such mallards have first been identified as the conservation commission * * * *directs*. Mallards confined to wholly enclosed pens or buildings may be taken within such pens or buildings at any time and in any numbers. No such game bird or animal or mallards killed on such farm and no live game bird or animal or mallards to be consumed as food shall be removed therefrom until there has been securely fastened to each bird or animal a band or tag furnished by the commission to the licensee at cost. Such band or tag shall remain attached to the bird or animal until prepared for consumption. Live birds and animals may be sold or transported. Each container carrying such live birds or animals shall have attached thereto a band or tag as set forth above. * * *

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