



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 249
[2015 Senate Bill 605]

Shining Wild Animals

Current law generally prohibits a person from using, or possessing with intent to use, a light for shining wild animals while hunting or in possession of a weapon, or between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. from September 15 to December 31. An exception to each of these prohibitions is for a person who possesses or uses a flashlight at the point of kill while hunting on foot for wolves, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, or other unprotected animals during the open season for the animals hunted.

2015 Wisconsin Act 249 authorizes a person to possess or use a handheld flashlight or a battery-operated light designed to be attached to clothing or a part of the body or mounted to a firearm at the point of kill while hunting on foot for raccoons, foxes, coyotes, or other unprotected animals during the open season for the animals hunted. The Act also removes wolves from the list of animals that may be hunted while using such a light.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.