



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 63**  
[2017 Senate Bill 225]

**Uniform End Date for Certain  
Open Hunting and Trapping  
Seasons**

2017 Wisconsin Act 63 requires the open seasons for hunting or trapping pheasant, gray partridge, fisher, fall turkey, and the archery deer season to end on the Sunday nearest January 6, subject to two exceptions, described below.

Under the first exception, if the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) determines, based on harvest registration data for an animal in a specific area of the state, that it is likely that more than the quota set for that animal for the open season will be taken in that area, DNR may close the season for that animal in that area.

Under the second exception created by the Act, DNR may change the end date for an open season for hunting or trapping of any of the animals listed in the Act in specific areas of the state if the DNR determines it is necessary to promote the growth or control the population of that animal in that area.

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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>.