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2021 Wisconsin Act 16 [2021 Senate Bill 54]

Shot Shell Restrictions

2021 Wisconsin Act 16 partially invalidates a Wisconsin Administrative Code provision that prohibited the control, possession, or use of shot shells containing a shot size larger than T. The administrative code provision, which the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) promulgated as part of a rule that took effect last July, prohibited the control, possession, or use of shot shells containing a shot size larger than T for any type of hunting. [See s. NR 10.09 (2) (a) 1., Wis. Adm. Code.]

The act prohibits DNR from limiting the use, possession, or control of shot shells on the basis of the size of the contained shot for hunting fur-bearing animals. The act specifies that the restriction on DNR's authority applies during times when hunting is otherwise allowed, either during an open season established by DNR for a given animal, or at all times for "nuisance animals" for which hunting by landowners and occupants is generally unrestricted.

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