

State of Wisconsin



2021 Senate Bill 609

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to create* 29.190 of the statutes; **relating to:** stocking pheasants for hunting.

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

SECTION 1. 29.190 of the statutes is created to read:

29.190 Stocking of pheasants. (1) The department shall establish a schedule for stocking pheasants to ensure adequate hunting opportunities through the end of each pheasant hunting season on public hunting grounds and private land enrolled in a program that requires the land to be open to the public for hunting. The schedule shall specify that stocking of pheasants shall occur, at a minimum, following each open season for hunting deer with a firearm and during the month of December.

(2) The department shall ensure that production at the Poynette State Game Farm is sufficient to annually produce all of the following:

(a) Two-hundred thousand rooster pheasants for stocking pheasants for hunting as required under sub. (1).

(b) Fifty thousand pheasants for the department's day-old chick program.

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) No later than January 31, 2022, the department of natural resources shall submit to the legislature a report that identifies properties where pheasants will be stocked and details a plan for the stocking of those properties. The list of properties shall include all properties that are open to the public for hunting and that are owned or managed by the department of natural resources, have received funding under the stewardship program under s. 23.0915 or 23.0917, are actively managed for grassland habitat, or are enrolled in a program that requires the land to be open to the public for hunting. Following approval of the plan by the legislature, the department shall implement the plan for the first open season for hunting pheasants that occurs following approval of the plan.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."