

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 328

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 328

2017 Assembly Bill 328 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. These changes would take effect on the day after the publication of the bill.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the effective date of the bill to February 1, 2018, or the day after publication of the bill, whichever is later.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 provides that if 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, notwithstanding the uniform season end date created in the bill.

In addition, Assembly Amendment 2 authorizes DNR to change the end date for an open season for any of the animals listed in the bill in specific areas of the state if DNR determines it is necessary to promote the growth or control the population of that animal in that area, notwithstanding the uniform season end date created in the bill.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 were offered by Representative Milroy. On June 7, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage recommended adoption of both of the amendments and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by unanimous votes.

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