

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

## 2017 Wisconsin Act 169 [2017 Assembly Bill 464]

## **Maximum Height of Pole Traps**

Under state law, retained by 2017 Wisconsin Act 169, it is unlawful to take, capture, or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill, any bird by setting or operating any trap or device designed, built, or used to capture birds on a pole, post, tree stump, or any other elevated perch more than three feet above the ground.

Act 169 creates an exception to this prohibition by allowing a person to set or operate a trap or device designed, built, or used to capture birds on an elevated perch up to 10 feet above the ground if the person has a valid migratory bird depredation permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that authorizes the trapping of birds.

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