**§12303-A. Time limits for registering bear, deer, moose or wild turkey**

**1. Time limits.**  Except as provided in subsection 1‑A and in section 12307 or in rules adopted under section 12301‑B, a person may not keep any of the following unregistered wild animals for more than 18 hours:

A. Bear; [PL 2021, c. 704, §3 (RPR).]

B. Deer; [PL 2021, c. 704, §3 (RPR).]

C. Moose; or [PL 2021, c. 704, §3 (RPR).]

D. Wild turkey. [PL 2021, c. 704, §3 (RPR).]

[PL 2021, c. 704, §3 (RPR).]

**1-A. Exceptions.**  The following are exceptions to the time limitation for registering harvested wild animals established in subsection 1:

A. A person may keep a harvested animal in an official registration station for that animal or at the office of a game warden for more than 18 hours; [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person may leave an unregistered animal harvested by that person in the woods if that person notifies a game warden within 18 hours as to the location of that animal and the circumstances necessitating leaving that animal in the woods; [PL 2017, c. 226, §1 (AMD).]

C. A person on a hunting trip in an unorganized township and staying at a temporary place of lodging may keep an unregistered harvested animal at the temporary place of lodging for no more than 7 days or until that person leaves the woods, whichever comes first; and [PL 2017, c. 226, §1 (AMD).]

D. A person may keep an unregistered animal harvested by that person if that person notifies a game warden within 18 hours as to the location of that animal and the circumstances preventing the person from registering the animal in accordance with subsection 1. [PL 2017, c. 226, §2 (NEW).]

[PL 2017, c. 226, §§1, 2 (AMD).]

**2. Penalty.**  A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.

[PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

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