

481A.6A Pen-reared pheasants — release by landowners and tenants.

1. As used in this section, “*pen-reared pheasant*” means a Chinese ring-necked pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus torquatus*) and its subspecies which originates from a captive population and which has been propagated and held by a hatchery. For the purposes of this section “*pen-reared pheasant*” does not include a Reeves (Syrmaticus reevesii) or Lady Amherst (Chrysolophus amherstiae) pheasant, a subspecies of the Chinese ring-necked pheasant such as a Japanese (Phasianus versicolor) or a Black-necked (P. colchicus colchicus) pheasant, or a melanistic mutant (black, white, or other color mix) of the Chinese ring-necked pheasant. This subsection is not applicable to game birds released for officially sanctioned field meets or trials and retriever meets or trials on private land pursuant to section 481A.22, pen-raised game birds used on private land pursuant to section 481A.56, or game birds released on hunting preserves pursuant to chapter 484B.

2. Notwithstanding section 481A.60, an owner or tenant of land may obtain pen-reared pheasants from a hatchery approved by the department, and raise or release the pen-reared pheasants on the owner’s or tenant’s land. A person shall not relocate a pen-reared pheasant to any other land.

3. A person taking a pen-reared pheasant shall comply with all requirements provided in this chapter and chapter 483A.

2010 Acts, ch 1180, §1; 2012 Acts, ch 1118, §5

Referred to in §484B.3

[T] Subsection 1 amended