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**2009-10**

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**

##### **Senate Bill 61**

Relating to: special distinguishing registration plates expressing enthusiasm for hunting and fishing for sport and recreation.

By Senators Leibham, Lazich and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Kestell, Brooks, Gunderson, Huebsch and Mursau.

February 12, 2009      Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

February 26, 2009      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (7)      Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent:    (0)      None.

##### Appearances For

- Don Hammes, Middleton

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Hubert Nett, Cedar Grove

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 22, 2010      Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Committee Clerk

**Record of Committee Proceedings**

**Joint committee on Finance**

**Senate Bill 62**

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## **SENATE BILL 61**

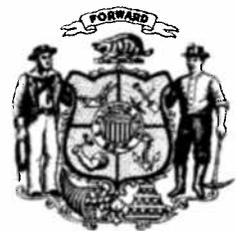
An Act to renumber and amend 341.14 (6r) (c); to amend 341.135 (2m), 341.14 (6r) (b) 1., 341.14 (6r) (e), 341.14 (6r) (f) (intro.) and 341.14 (6r) (fm) 7.; and to create 25.29 (1) (f), 25.40 (1) (a) 25., 341.14 (6r) (b) 1m., 341.14 (6r) (b) 12., 341.14 (6r) (c) 2. and 341.14 (6r) (f) 59. of the statutes; relating to: special distinguishing registration plates expressing enthusiasm for hunting and fishing for sport and recreation.

Introduced on 12-FEB-2009.

Introduced by Senators **Leibham** and **Lazich**; cosponsored by Representatives **Kestell**, **Brooks**, **Gunderson**, **Huebsch** and **Mursau**.



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



# Wisconsin Wildlife Federation



## Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 61--Fish and Wildlife Conservation License Plate

Thank you Chairman Holperin and members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. My name is Don Hammes and I am a Board Director for the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. The Federation is pleased to be here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 61 which proposes a new specialty license plate with funds dedicated to the DNR Fish and Wildlife fund.

The Federation is comprised of over 160 hunting, fishing, trapping and forestry related organizations located throughout the state. Our members, along with other sportsmen and women, contribute over \$70 million a year to the state fish and wildlife account through the purchase of licenses and stamps. These funds are used to pay for the management of the state's fish and wildlife resources and the lands and waters needed to maintain them. Over the years, sportsmen and women have gratefully contributed virtually all of the funds necessary to manage these important and high quality resources. Everyone here may not know this, but lately, for a variety of reasons, these funds have increasingly fallen short of what is required to protect our fish and wildlife resources. Clearly, other sources of revenue are needed by the DNR.

Everyone here today knows that millions of other individuals in this state, who do not hunt, fish or trap, benefit either directly or indirectly from Wisconsin's fish and wildlife lands. State fishery and wildlife areas are open to everyone and are often heavily used by these individuals. Unfortunately, these individuals do not purchase a license or stamp to help fund the state fish and wildlife account that is used to maintain the fish, wildlife, lands and waters they enjoy. With the passage of SB61 these individuals, along with sportsmen and women, will be given a voluntary opportunity to financially contribute to the maintenance of Wisconsin's fish and wildlife resources. This means that for the first time in many years a significant amount of new funds may find their way into the state fish and wildlife account. In fact, if enough new funds are raised by the new license plate, the need to increase hunting, fishing and trapping license fees may be delayed for years. The proposed license plate is very attractive because of that fact alone, but it is also attractive because it contains the image of Wisconsin's iconic wildlife species, the white-tailed deer. It is a nice looking license plate.

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation would like to thank Senator Leibham and the other cosponsors of SB61 for introducing this bill and we request that the Committee approve SB61.

On behalf of the Federation, thank you for the opportunity to testify here today.

Submitted by:  
Don Hammes, Board Director  
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

February 26, 2009 ←