



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 251

Senate Amendment 1

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Current law establishes that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may not issue a sturgeon spearing license during the open season for sturgeon. The open season is currently set by the DNR by rule to begin on the second Saturday in Friday and continue for the next 16 days.

Assembly Bill 251 changes the period in which a sturgeon spearing license may not be issued to be the period beginning on October 1 and ending on the last day of the spearing open season. The bill also exempts from this prohibition the issuance of a sturgeon spearing license during this period to a resident who meets one of the following criteria: (1) attains the age of 14 during the period; or (2) is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces in active service outside of Wisconsin and is on furlough or leave.

Senate Amendment 1 changes the beginning of the period in which a sturgeon spearing license may not be issued from October 1 to November 1.

On January 29, 2002, the Senate Environmental Resources Committee recommended introduction and adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0, and recommended concurrence in Assembly Bill 251, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0. On March 7, 2002, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 on a voice vote and concurred in Assembly Bill 251, as amended, on a voice vote. The Assembly concurred in Senate Amendment 1 on March 7, 2002, on a voice vote.

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