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2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 84

March 14, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives Jacque, Tittl, Ballweg, Bernier, Brooks, Craig, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kooyenga, T. Larson, Lemahieu, A. Ott, Ripp, Spiros and Thiesfeldt, cosponsored by Senators Leibham, Grothman, Lasee and Tiffany. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1 AN ACT to amend 29.2285 (3) (d); and to create 23.24 (4) (b) 4., 29.219 (1) (d) and

29.228 (1) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** exceptions to requirements for

fishing licenses and aquatic plant management permits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law, with certain exceptions, requires a person who fishes in the waters of this state to hold a fishing license issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This bill creates an additional exception to the general fishing license requirements under current law. Under the bill, no fishing license is required for a person to fish in a self-contained pond that is located entirely on private property if the owner of the private property gives the person permission to fish in the pond.

Under current law, a person may not control aquatic plants in waters of this state by the use of chemicals without a permit issued by DNR. This bill allows a person to use an algaecide or herbicide in a self-contained pond that is located entirely on the person's private property without obtaining a permit from DNR.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 23.24 (4) (b) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

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23.24 (4) (b) 4. A person who uses an algaecide or herbicide in a pond that is
a self-contained body of water and that is located entirely on the person's private
property.
Section 2. 29.219 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:
29.219 (1) (d) Exception; fishing in private ponds. No fishing license is required
for a resident to fish in a pond that is a self-contained body of water and that is
located entirely on private property owned by a person who gives permission to the
resident to fish in the pond.
Section 3. 29.228 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:
29.228 (1) (d) Exception; fishing in private ponds. No fishing license is required
for a nonresident to fish in a pond that is a self-contained body of water and that is
located entirely on private property owned by a person who gives permission to the
nonresident to fish in the pond.
Section 4. 29.2285 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
29.2285 (3) (d) License requirement. Any person fishing for lake sturgeon shall
hold a license authorizing the fishing or shall be exempt from holding such a license

under s. 29.219 (1) (b) 1. or 2. or $\underline{(d)}$ or 29.228 (1) (b) \underline{or} (d).

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