



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 855

March 16, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives HRAYCHUCK, MILROY, M. WILLIAMS, BROOKS, KLEEFISCH, KAUFERT, HILGENBERG, PASCH, LOTHIAN, BERCEAU and MEYER, cosponsored by Senators HOLPERIN, VINEHOUT, TAYLOR, SCHULTZ, COGGS, KEDZIE and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Fish and Wildlife.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.197 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing the
2 Department of Natural Resources to waive fishing license requirements for a
3 weekend fishing event.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to waive the requirements that a person fishing in the waters of this state have a fishing license and pay the required fee for the license during one designated weekend each year. This bill requires DNR to designate an additional weekend each year during which the fishing license and fee requirements are waived. Under the bill, one of the designated weekends must be in a winter month. As with the fishing weekend designated under current law, the bill requires DNR to specify by rule to which inland or outlying waters the waivers apply during the additional designated fishing weekend.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 29.197 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 855**SECTION 1**

1 29.197 (3) ~~WEEKEND EVENT~~ EVENTS. In addition to any special event or program
2 sponsored under sub. (2), the department shall, by rule, ~~for a~~ designate 2 special
3 event ~~for one weekend~~ weekends per year; during which the department shall waive
4 the requirement that persons be issued fishing licenses and pay the applicable fees
5 in order to fish in the waters of this state. One of the designated weekends shall be
6 in a winter month. The department shall, by rule, designate to which inland or
7 outlying waters ~~this waiver~~ these waivers shall apply.

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