



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1225

April 11, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives WICHGERS, CLANCY, STUBBS and MADISON. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.563 (3) (a) 2., 29.563 (6m) (a) and 29.563 (14) (c) 7.; and **to**
2 **create** 20.855 (4) (eg) and 25.29 (1) (g) of the statutes; **relating to:** eliminating
3 the fee for an annual fishing license issued to a resident senior citizen and
4 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill eliminates the fee and issuing fee for an annual fishing license issued to a resident who has attained the age of 65 years (resident senior citizen). Under current law, the fee for such a license is \$6.25 and the issuing fee is \$0.75. The bill requires in each fiscal year a transfer from the general fund to the conservation fund in the amount of the number of annual fishing licenses issued to resident senior citizens in that fiscal year multiplied by \$7.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 20.855 (4) (eg) of the statutes is created to read:
6 20.855 (4) (eg) *Transfer to conservation fund; resident senior citizen annual*
7 *fishing license fee reimbursement.* A sum sufficient for transfer to the conservation

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1 fund in an amount equal to the amount to be paid into the conservation fund as
2 determined under s. 25.29 (1) (g). The amounts may be paid at such intervals during
3 each fiscal year as the secretary of administration deems appropriate or necessary.

4 **SECTION 2.** 25.29 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

5 25.29 (1) (g) Each fiscal year, an amount equal to the number of annual fishing
6 licenses issued to resident senior citizens under ch. 29 in that fiscal year multiplied
7 by \$7.

8 **SECTION 3.** 29.563 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 29.563 (3) (a) 2. Annual fishing issued to a resident senior citizen: ~~\$6.25~~ \$0.

10 **SECTION 4.** 29.563 (6m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 29.563 (6m) (a) The fee for an approval that is listed under sub. (2) (a) 1., 2.,
12 4. to 5g., 8., 8m., or 9., (3) (a) 1., ~~2.~~, or 4., or (6) (a) 1. is \$4.25 if the approval is issued
13 to a person who has not received that type of approval, or has not been conferred the
14 privileges of that type of approval under a license issued under s. 29.231 or 29.235,
15 in any of the 10 years preceding the date of application.

16 **SECTION 5.** 29.563 (14) (c) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 29.563 (14) (c) 7. There is no issuing fee for an annual disabled veteran
18 recreation card or an annual fishing license issued to a resident senior citizen.

19 (END)