



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 569

October 17, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives OURADA, JOHNSRUD, GOETSCH, SERATTI, OLSEN, HUBER, SPRINGER and HUEBSCH, cosponsored by Senator DECKER. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to create** 15.07 (1) (b) 21., 15.345 (3m), 20.370 (1) (Lt) and 29.153 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** the creation and responsibilities of a tournament fishing
3 board, granting rule-making authority and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates the tournament fishing board attached for administrative purposes to the department of natural resources. Under the bill, the board must establish a program to provide educational programs to persons on how to conduct fishing tournaments and to authorize fishing tournaments. The bill authorizes the board to establish a fee for these services. Under current law, there is no specific regulation of fishing tournaments.

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.** 15.07 (1) (b) 21. of the statutes is created to read:
5 15.07 (1) (b) 21. Tournament fishing board.
6 **SECTION 2.** 15.345 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 569**SECTION 2**

1 15.345 **(3m)** TOURNAMENT FISHING BOARD. There is created tournament fishing
2 board attached to the department of natural resources under s. 15.03. The board
3 shall consist of 7 members appointed for 6-year terms. At least 3 members of the
4 board shall be from the area north of a line running east and west through the south
5 limits of the of the city of Stevens Point, and at least 3 members shall be from the area
6 south of that line.

7 **SECTION 3.** 20.370 (1) (Lt) of the statutes is created to read:

8 20.370 **(1)** (Lt) *Tournament fishing program.* As a continuing appropriation,
9 all moneys remitted to the department under s. 29.153 (3) to be used for the
10 tournament fishing program under s. 29.153.

11 **SECTION 4.** 29.153 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **29.153 Tournament fishing. (1)** PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT. The tournament
13 fishing board shall establish a program to provide educational programs to persons
14 on how to conduct fishing tournaments and to authorize fishing tournaments.

15 **(2)** TOURNAMENT APPROVAL. The tournament fishing board shall approve fishing
16 tournaments based on the rules promulgated in sub. (4).

17 **(3)** FEES. (a) The tournament fishing board shall establish a fee for the course
18 established under sub. (1) on how to conduct fishing tournaments and a fee for
19 applying for the authorization of a fishing tournament. A fee under this subsection
20 shall equal the amount necessary to cover the cost of providing the education
21 program or determining whether to authorize the tournament.

22 (b) Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the conservation
23 fund and credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.370 (1) (Lt).

24 **(4)** RULES. The board may promulgate rules to administer and implement this
25 program.

ASSEMBLY BILL 569**1 SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2 (1) Notwithstanding section 15.345 (3m) of the statutes, as created by this act,
3 the governor shall designate the terms of 2 members of the tournament fishing board
4 appointed under section 15.345 (3m) of the statutes, as created by this act, to expire
5 on May 1, 1999, the terms of 2 members of the tournament fishing board appointed
6 under section 15.345 (3m) of the statutes, as created by this act, to expire on May 1,
7 2001, and the terms of 3 members of the tournament fishing board appointed under
8 section 15.345 (3m) of the statutes, as created by this act, to expire on May 1, 2003.

9 (END)