



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 4

January 22, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives D. MEYER, M. WILLIAMS, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, OWENS, MONTGOMERY, PETTIS, KERKMAN, KESTELL, OLSEN, M. LEHMAN, HAHN, STONE, WARD, MCCORMICK, J. FITZGERALD, VAN ROY, HINES, MUSSER, SERATTI and SUDER, cosponsored by Senators LEIBHAM, KEDZIE and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 25.29 (3g) of the statutes; **relating to:** determining what  
2             constitutes the administration of the Department of Natural Resources when  
3             managing the state's fish and wildlife resources.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This state currently receives federal funding for the conservation of fish and wildlife under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. These moneys are used for wildlife restoration projects and fish restoration and management projects. A state is not eligible for these federal moneys unless the state has enacted a prohibition against the use of hunting and recreational fishing license fees for any purpose other than the administration of the state fish and wildlife agency. This state's fish and wildlife agency is that part of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that is responsible for the management of the state's fish and wildlife resources. Current law conforms with the federal eligibility requirement. This bill requires the Joint Committee on Finance to determine what constitutes the administration of DNR when DNR is exercising its responsibilities that are specific to the management of the fish and wildlife resources of this state.

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

