

Assembly Bill 124

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**CHAPTER 185, LAWS OF 1967**

AN ACT to amend 29.05 (1); and to create 30.125 of the statutes, relating to cutting weeds in navigable waters and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 29.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.05 (1) The state conservation commission and its deputies are authorized to execute and serve warrants and processes issued under any law relating to wild animals and ss. 29.221, 30.12, 30.125, 30.18, 30.195, 30.50 to 30.80, 346.19, 346.94 (6) and (6m), 940.24, 941.20, 941.22, 947.03 and 947.047 in the same manner as any constable may serve and execute such process; and to arrest, with or without a warrant, any person detected in the actual violation, or whom such officer has reasonable cause to believe guilty of a violation under this chapter or ss. 30.12, 30.18, 30.195, 30.50 to 30.80, 346.19, 346.94 (6) and (6m), 940.24, 941.20, 941.22, 947.03 and 947.047, and to take such person before any court in the county where the offense was committed and make proper complaint. For the purpose of enforcing ss. 30.50 to 30.80, any such officer may stop and board any boat, if he has reasonable cause to believe there is a violation of such sections.

SECTION 2. 30.125 of the statutes is created to read:

30.125 CUTTING WEEDS IN NAVIGABLE WATERS A NUISANCE; PENALTY. (1) REMOVAL OF WEEDS. Cutting weeds in navigable waters and not removing such weeds is a nuisance. Any person cutting weeds in navigable waters shall remove such weeds from the water.

(2) EXCEPTION. This section shall not apply to lakes where the lake property owners have incorporated under ch. 180 and operate under s. 289.70 when a majority of the members decide at the annual meeting that every lake property owner shall remove the weeds floating to his shore.

(3) PENALTY. Any person violating this section may be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than 3 months or both.

Approved November 6, 1967.