



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 408

June 10, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives BAUMGART, NOTESTEIN, SERATTI and SYKORA, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Tourism and Recreation.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 23.405; *to renumber and amend* 30.52 (2) and 30.52 (3)
2 (fm); *to amend* 20.370 (5) (gb) and 30.52 (5) (a) 2.; and *to create* 20.370 (5) (gs),
3 20.370 (5) (gt), 23.426, 29.228, 30.52 (2) (b), 30.52 (3) (fm) 2. and 30.52 (3g) of
4 the statutes; **relating to:** voluntary registration for kayaks and canoes, the
5 youth conservation education program, the youth conservation fish and game
6 education program and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a boat owner must be issued a certificate of number card or a registration card by the department of natural resources (DNR) to operate a boat in this state, unless the boat is exempt from this requirement. Exemptions under current law include canoes and kayaks and sailboats that are 12 feet or less in length. Under current law, an owner may voluntarily register a boat that is exempt. The fee for this voluntary registration is \$6.50 and the registration is for 2 years.

This bill changes the amount of the fee to voluntarily register a canoe or kayak to \$12 and increases the period for this type of registration to 3 years. The bill requires that 50% of these fees be used for a youth conservation education program and the remaining 50% to be used for a youth fish and game education program. The bill requires DNR to operate these 2 programs.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.370 (5) (gb) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.370 (5) (gb) *Education programs — program fees.* From the general fund,
3 the amounts in the schedule for department educational activities at the MacKenzie
4 environmental center. All moneys received from fees collected under s. ~~23.405~~ 23.425
5 (2) for the use of the center shall be credited to this appropriation.

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (5) (gs) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.370 (5) (gs) All moneys received under ss. 23.426 and 30.52 (3g) (a) to be used
8 for the youth conservation education program.

9 **SECTION 3.** 20.370 (5) (gt) of the statutes is created to read:

10 20.370 (5) (gt) All moneys received under ss. 29.228 and 30.52 (3g) (b) to be used
11 for the youth fish and game education program.

12 **SECTION 4.** 23.405 of the statutes is renumbered 23.425.

13 **SECTION 5.** 23.426 of the statutes is created to read:

14 **23.426 Youth conservation education program.** The department shall
15 operate an outdoor educational program to educate youth on conservation topics.
16 The department may charge the participants in the program a fee to cover the costs
17 of the program. The amount charged may not exceed the costs of conducting the
18 program.

19 **SECTION 6.** 29.228 of the statutes is created to read:

20 **29.228 Youth fish and game education program.** The department shall
21 operate an educational program to educate youth in hunting and fishing. The

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1 department may charge the participants in the program a fee to cover the costs of the
2 program. The amount charged may not exceed the costs of conducting the program.

3 **SECTION 7.** 30.52 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 30.52 (2) (a) and amended
4 to read:

5 30.52 (2) (a) The Except as provided in par. (b), the certification and
6 registration period runs for 2 years, commencing on April 1 of the year in which the
7 certificate of number or registration is issued and, unless sooner terminated or
8 discontinued in accordance with this chapter, expiring on March 31 of the 2nd year
9 after issuance.

10 (c) A certificate of number or registration is valid only for the period for which
11 it is issued.

12 **SECTION 8.** 30.52 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

13 30.52 (2) (b) For a canoe or kayak voluntarily registered under sub. (1) (b) 1m.,
14 the certification and registration period runs for 3 years, commencing on April 1 of
15 the year in which the certificate of number or registration is issued and, unless
16 sooner terminated or discontinued in accordance with this chapter, expiring on
17 March 31 of the 3rd year after issuance.

18 **SECTION 9.** 30.52 (3) (fm) of the statutes is renumbered 30.52 (3) (fm) 1. and
19 amended to read:

20 30.52 (3) (fm) 1. Notwithstanding pars. (b) to (f), the fee for issuance or renewal
21 of registration for a boat, other than a canoe or kayak, registered pursuant to sub.
22 (1) (b) 1m. is \$6.50.

23 **SECTION 10.** 30.52 (3) (fm) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

24 30.52 (3) (fm) 2. Notwithstanding pars. (b) to (f), the fee for issuance or renewal
25 of registration for a canoe or kayak registered pursuant to sub. (1) (b) 1m. is \$12.

