

## 1999 SENATE BILL 453

March 8, 2000 – Introduced by Senators LAZICH, DRZEWIECKI and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives HANDRICK, KELSO, REYNOLDS, RYBA, BERCEAU and GRONEMUS. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.

1     **AN ACT to repeal** 29.193 (4), 29.563 (3) (a) 7. and 29.563 (3) (a) 9.; **to renumber**  
2             **and amend** 29.193 (3); **to amend** 29.053 (2) (a) (intro.); and **to create** 29.193  
3             (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** fishing licenses issued to disabled residents.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the department of natural resources (DNR) issues annual fishing licenses to state residents who have certain disabilities for a fee of \$6.25, including the issuing fee. Veterans who are state residents and who have certain disabilities pay a reduced fee. The period of validity for all of these licenses is a maximum of one year, so that these license holders must apply and qualify for these licenses on an annual basis. Under current law, the fee for a regular annual resident fishing license is \$12, including the issuing fee, and the maximum period of validity is one year.

This bill changes the period of validity for a fishing license issued to a disabled resident or disabled resident veteran to be for as long as the licensee is a resident and his or her disability continues. Under the bill, these disabled residents are exempt from having to pay any fee for the license.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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1           **SECTION 1.** 29.053 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           29.053 **(2)** (a) (intro.) The department may establish a fishing season on  
3 specified bodies of water in certain urban areas, as determined by rule by the  
4 department, that allows fishing only by persons who are under 16 years old or who  
5 are disabled and can produce the evidence specified in s. 29.193 (3) (a), ~~(b) or (c)~~ 1.,  
6 2. or 3., subject to all of the following conditions:

7           **SECTION 2.** 29.193 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 29.193 (3) (a), and 29.193  
8 (3) (a) (intro.), as renumbered, is amended to read:

9           29.193 **(3)** FISHING LICENSE FOR DISABLED PERSONS. (a) (intro.) The department  
10 shall issue, subject to s. 29.024 (2g), ~~an annual~~ a disabled person fishing license  
11 without charge to any resident who applies for this license and who does one of the  
12 following:

13           **SECTION 3.** 29.193 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

14           29.193 **(3)** (b) A fishing license issued to a disabled person under par. (a) is valid  
15 from the date of issuance and remains valid as long as the licensee continues to be  
16 a resident and continues to meet the requirement of par. (a) 1., 2. or 3.

17           **SECTION 4.** 29.193 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

18           **SECTION 5.** 29.563 (3) (a) 7. of the statutes is repealed.

19           **SECTION 6.** 29.563 (3) (a) 9. of the statutes is repealed.

20           **SECTION 7. Initial applicability.**

21           (1) This act first applies to fishing licenses issued to disabled residents on the  
22 effective date of this subsection.

23           **SECTION 8. Effective date.**

