

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 659

December 3, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives PETTIS, GRONEMUS, MUSSER, KRAWCZYK, GROTHMAN, SYKORA, FRISKE, ALBERS, OWENS, McCORMICK, JOHNSRUD, STONE and LOEFFELHOLZ, cosponsored by Senator DARLING. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to create** 29.404 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** the removal of fishing
2 shanties or similar shelters.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of natural resources (DNR) regulates the placement and removal of ice fishing shelters. This bill provides that DNR may not promulgate or enforce a rule that requires the owner of an ice fishing shelter to remove the shelter before the first Sunday following March 12, or if March 12 falls on a Sunday, before March 12, if the shanty is located on the ice of an inland water north of STH 64. The bill provides that this prohibition does not apply if DNR determines that the shanty must be removed for safety reasons.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.404 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
4 29.404 **(1m)** REMOVAL DEADLINE EXCEPTION. Notwithstanding sub. (1), the
5 department may not promulgate or enforce a rule that requires the owner of a fishing
6 shanty or similar shelter placed on the ice of any inland water of this state that lies
7 north of STH 64, to remove the shelter before the first Sunday following March 12,

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1 or if March 12 falls on a Sunday, before March 12 unless the department determines
2 that removal is required for safety reasons.

3 (END)