



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 228

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 228 expands the current statute that allows a person to transfer a Class A bear license to a minor. The bill expands this provision to allow a person who has been issued any license or permit by the DNR that is issued under a random or preference selection system to transfer that approval to a minor who is both eligible to use the approval and who has not previously been transferred that type of approval.

Assembly Amendment 1 makes two changes to the bill. First, the bill requires the application to transfer an approval to be made prior to August 1. The amendment changes that deadline so that the application must be submitted no later than 15 days prior to the opening of the applicable open season. Second, for sturgeon spearing licenses only, the amendment provides that upon application the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may transfer a sturgeon spearing license to a minor only during the period commencing on November 1 of each year and ending on the 15th day prior to the opening of the season for spearing of lake sturgeon. This latter amendment is intended to avoid the possibility that a person may transfer a sturgeon spearing license to a minor and then apply for and obtain a Lake Winnebago spearing license. The amendment precludes this by requiring the transfer can only be made commencing on November 1, because Lake Winnebago spearing licenses are not issued after October 31.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on May 30, 2007, by a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by the same vote.

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