AN ACT to amend 29.193 (3) and 29.563 (3) (a) 9.; and to create 29.563 (3) (b) 8. of the statutes; relating to: fishing licenses for nonresident disabled veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person is generally required to obtain a fishing license to fish in this state. The fee for an annual resident fishing license is ordinarily $19.25. The fee for an annual nonresident fishing license is $49.25. Under current law the fee for an annual fishing license for a resident who is a veteran with a 70 percent or greater military–related disability is $2.25.

Under this bill the fee for an annual fishing license for a nonresident who is a veteran with a 70 percent or greater military–related disability is $2.25.

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:

SECTION 1. 29.193 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.193 (3) ANNUAL FISHING LICENSE FOR DISABLED PERSONS. The department or a county clerk appointed under s. 29.024 (6) (a) 2. shall issue, subject to s. 29.024 (2g),
an annual disabled person fishing license to any resident person at the time the resident person applies for this license if the resident does one of the following applies:

(a) Produces The person is a resident who produces a certificate from a licensed physician or optometrist stating that his or her sight is impaired to the degree that he or she cannot read ordinary newspaper print with or without corrective glasses.

(b) Produces The person is a resident who produces evidence that shows that he or she is receiving benefits under 42 USC 401 to 433, 42 USC 1381 to 1381d or 45 USC 231a (a) (1) (iv) or (v) because of a determination that he or she is disabled.

(c) Produces The person is a resident or nonresident who produces evidence that shows that he or she is a veteran, as defined in 38 USC 101, and is receiving disability compensation benefits under 38 USC 1101 to 1163 for disabilities that result in a disability rating that is 70% or greater under 38 USC 1114.

SECTION 2. 29.563 (3) (a) 9. of the statutes is amended to read:

29.563 (3) (a) 9. Annual or temporary fishing issued to a resident disabled veteran under s. 29.193 (3) (c) or (3m): $2.25.

SECTION 3. 29.563 (3) (b) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

29.563 (3) (b) 8. Annual or temporary fishing issued to a nonresident disabled veteran under s. 29.193 (3) (c) or (3m): $2.25.