

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 2/2/2010

LRB Number 09-0501/1	Introduction Number SB-396	Estimate Type Original
Description Fishing and trolling in boats with electric motors		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: Trolling for fish from a boat equipped with a motor is currently prohibited on many lakes and streams in Wisconsin. The use of motorized boats is also prohibited by local municipal ordinances and DNR rules on some waters of the state. A person with a permanent or temporary disability that meets certain qualifications is eligible for a permit that allows that person to use an electric boat motor on all waters of the state, and also to troll for fish with an electric boat motor on all waters of the state.

This bill clarifies that if the holder of a Trolling Motor Permit or Class A Disabled Permit is not otherwise required to possess a fishing license, that they also do not need a fishing license to fish under the authority of these permits. This bill seeks to allow other non-disabled persons, who are in the same boat and assisting the disabled permit holder, to also fish by the method of trolling if they are in possession of a fishing license or exempt from having a license.

Fiscal Estimate: The Department would need to amend all fishing and disable permit publications to explain to the public the new motor trolling eligibility opportunity. No additional permits would need to be issued by the Department to those non-disabled individuals "assisting" a Trolling Motor Permit or Class A Disabled Permit holder. There would likely not be any additional cost in updating the regulations pamphlets as the necessary changes could be made the next time the pamphlets are normally reprinted.

The main fiscal effect of this bill is the time and travel that would be required by wardens to respond to complaints of suspected illegal motor trolling activity when the public observes a boat load of anglers trolling on a water closed to trolling. It is difficult to estimate how many complaints might be received.

There are currently approximately 6,445 individuals who possess Class A disabled permits, approximately 141 individuals who only possess a Trolling Motor Permit and approximately 852 individuals who possess Class B permit that authorize use of electric trolling motors.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev		Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State		Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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