



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2011 SENATE BILL 525

February 28, 2012 – Introduced by Senators LEIBHAM and LASEE, cosponsored by Representatives JACQUE, AUGUST, BALLWEG, KOOYENGA, KNILANS, KRUG, RIPP, PRIDEMORE, SPANBAUER, STEINEKE, STROEBEL, TURNER, ENDSLEY and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.2285 (3) (d); and *to create* 23.24 (4) (b) 4., 29.219 (1) (d) and  
2           29.228 (1) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** exceptions to fishing license  
3           requirements.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law, with certain exceptions, requires a person who fishes in the waters of this state to hold a fishing license issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Current law also requires a person, before stocking fish in the waters of this state, to obtain a permit from DNR and to have the fish certified by a qualified inspector as meeting certain fish health standards. Current law also prohibits the stocking of any fish that is a species of lake sturgeon, regardless of whether a permit has been issued.

This bill creates an exception to the general fishing license requirements under current law. Under the bill, no fishing license is required for a person to fish in a pond that is entirely confined on private property if the owner of the private property gives the person permission to fish in the pond.

Under current law, a person may not control aquatic plants in waters of this state by the use of chemicals without a permit issued by DNR. This bill allows a person to use an algaecide or herbicide in a pond that is entirely confined on the person's private property without obtaining a permit from DNR.

