



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 35

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 29.4035; *to renumber* 29.403 (1); *to amend* 29.403 (2), 29.403
2 (3) (intro.) and 29.403 (4); and *to create* 29.403 (1b) and 29.403 (1m) of the
3 statutes; **relating to:** culling of bass in a fishing tournament.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 **SECTION 1b.** 29.403 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 29.403 (1g).

5 **SECTION 1g.** 29.403 (1b) of the statutes is created to read:

6 29.403 **(1b)** In this section, “live well” means a container designed to hold, and
7 capable of holding, live fish on a boat.

8 **SECTION 1k.** 29.403 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

9 29.403 **(1m)** Any person conducting a bass fishing tournament authorized by
10 the department under this section may allow participants to fish for, and cull, both

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1 largemouth and smallmouth bass. Any participant in a bass fishing tournament
2 shall ensure that the boat from which he or she is fishing has a functioning live well.
3 Section 29.055 and any rule promulgated pursuant to sub. (3) (L), as they relate to
4 bag and possession limits for bass, do not apply to culling that occurs in a bass fishing
5 tournament authorized by the department under this section.

6 **SECTION 1r.** 29.403 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 29.403 (2) The department may require a permit under the program to conduct
8 a fishing tournament and may impose terms and conditions that apply to a specific
9 permit. The department may issue a specific permit under terms and conditions that
10 vary from the requirements of the rules promulgated by the department under sub.
11 ~~(1)~~ (1g).

12 **SECTION 1t.** 29.403 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 29.403 (3) (intro.) The rules promulgated by the department under sub. ~~(1)~~ (1g)
14 may include any of the following:

15 **SECTION 2.** 29.403 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 29.403 (4) Notwithstanding subs. (2) and (3), the department may not, under
17 the program established under sub. ~~(1)~~ (1g), allow a participant in a fishing
18 tournament to engage in any activity in which the department would not allow an
19 angler who is not a participant to engage at the same time on the same body of water.
20 This subsection does not apply to participants in a bass fishing tournament ~~for which~~
21 ~~a permit has been issued under s. 29.4035~~ authorized by the department under this
22 section.

23 **SECTION 3.** 29.4035 of the statutes is repealed.

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