

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Please review this substitute amendment very closely to ensure that it meets your intent. You will note that the stewardship land access provisions of this substitute amendment are quite different than the provision in Assembly Bill 311. I made these changes to better accomplish what I understand to be your objective under this substitute amendment. When you review this part of the substitute amendment, please keep in mind that the budget bill (2011 Wisconsin Act 32) made numerous changes to s. 29.016, stats., which is the statute that concerns public access to stewardship land. Those changes were complex so it is important to review this substitute amendment with those changes in mind.

Also, with regard to the Sporting Heritage Council and its duties under this substitute amendment, I took the liberty of adding the activity of fishing where it seemed appropriate given the fact that the Council will now have a representative from a fishing organization and given that first-time license fees are also being reduced for fishing licenses. Is this consistent with your intent?

Please note that the substitute amendment reduces first-time license fees only for annual hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses to ensure that a person does not get the benefit of the reduced fee more than once by obtaining, for example, an annual license one year and then a five-day license the next year.

You requested that the draft provide for a half-priced trapping license for a person who is under age 16. Under this substitute amendment, the reduced fee trapping license is only for youths who are residents. The substitute amendment does not reduce the fee for nonresident trapping licenses because generally under current law reduced fee hunting licenses issued to youth apply to residents only. See, for example, s. 29.563 (2) (a) 4. and 5g. Is this O.K.?

As under Assembly Bill 311, this substitute amendment requires the Sporting Heritage Council to study specific issues before June 30, 2014. One of those issues concerns options and recommendations for increasing access to private land. Should this language continue to refer to access to private land? Or did you want the substitute amendment to require that the Council study options and recommendations with regard to access to public land as well?

I have prepared this substitute amendment in preliminary form to facilitate any redrafting that may be required.

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