



2013 SENATE BILL 77

March 13, 2013 – Introduced by Senators LEIBHAM, GROTHMAN, LASEE and TIFFANY, cosponsored by Representatives JACQUE, TITTL, BALLWEG, BERNIER, BROOKS, CRAIG, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KOYENGA, T. LARSON, LEMAHIEU, A. OTT, RIPP, SPIROS and THIESFELDT. Referred to Natural Resources.

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 requirements for
3 fishing licenses and aquatic plant management permits.

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). This bill creates an additional 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 self-contained pond that is located entirely 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 self-contained pond that is located entirely on the person's private property without obtaining a permit from DNR.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 23.24 (4) (b) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

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1 23.24 (4) (b) 4. A person who uses an algaecide or herbicide in a pond that is
2 a self-contained body of water and that is located entirely on the person's private
3 property.

4 **SECTION 2.** 29.219 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

5 29.219 (1) (d) *Exception; fishing in private ponds.* No fishing license is required
6 for a resident to fish in a pond that is a self-contained body of water and that is
7 located entirely on private property owned by a person who gives permission to the
8 resident to fish in the pond.

9 **SECTION 3.** 29.228 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

10 29.228 (1) (d) *Exception; fishing in private ponds.* No fishing license is required
11 for a nonresident to fish in a pond that is a self-contained body of water and that is
12 located entirely on private property owned by a person who gives permission to the
13 nonresident to fish in the pond.

14 **SECTION 4.** 29.2285 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 29.2285 (3) (d) *License requirement.* Any person fishing for lake sturgeon shall
16 hold a license authorizing the fishing or shall be exempt from holding such a license
17 under s. 29.219 (1) (b) 1. or 2. or (d) or 29.228 (1) (b) or (d).

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