2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 346

May 23, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, BILLINGS, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, GENRICH, GOYKE, HEBL, HINTZ, KOLSTE, MASON, OHNSTAD, POPE, SARGENT, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, VRUWINK and WACHS, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, HANSEN, LARSON, RINGHAND, RISSE, VINEHOUT and WIRCH. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

AN ACT to repeal 2017 Wisconsin Act .... (Assembly Bill 64), section 9133 (5); to amend 20.370 (8) (ir), 23.16 (1), 29.563 (4) (a) 2. and 29.563 (4) (b) 2.; and to create 20.370 (9) (iq), 23.165 (3m) and 29.235 (5) of the statutes; relating to: the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine and the publication of information about climate change by the Department of Natural Resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill restores publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine, which was eliminated by 2017 Wisconsin Act .... (Assembly Bill 64) and requires the Department of Natural Resources to publish information in the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine and on DNR’s website relating to the scientific consensus that climate change is caused by human activity and is a threat to economic and global security.

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:

SECTION 1. 20.370 (8) (ir) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act .... (Assembly Bill 64), is amended to read:
20.370 (8) (ir) *Promotional activities and publications.* All moneys received from subscriptions and other revenues generated by promotional activities, photographs, slides, videotapes, artwork, publications, magazines and other periodicals, *except the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine,* to be used for these promotional activities, photographs, slides, videotapes, artwork, publications and magazines and for educational and informational activities concerning conservation and the environment.

**SECTION 2.** 20.370 (9) (iq) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act .... (Assembly Bill 64), is created to read:

20.370 (9) (iq) *Natural resources magazine.* All moneys received from subscriptions and other revenues generated by *Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine,* to be used for its production, handling, and distribution.

**SECTION 3.** 23.16 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act .... (Assembly Bill 64), is amended to read:

23.16 (1) *Publication.* The department may produce, issue or reprint magazines or other periodicals on a periodic basis as it determines, pertaining to fish and game, forests, parks, environmental quality and other similar subjects of general information. The department may distribute its magazines and periodicals by subscription. The department shall charge a fee for any of its magazines or periodicals, *except that no fee may be charged to a person who is provided a subscription to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine under s. 29.235.*

**SECTION 4.** 23.165 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

23.165 (3m) *Climate change information.* The department shall publish, in the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine and on the department’s website,
information relating to the scientific consensus that climate change is caused by
human activity and is a threat to economic and global security.

SECTION 5. 29.235 (5) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act ....
(Assembly Bill 64), is created to read:

29.235 (5) SUBSCRIPTION. At the time the department issues a conservation
patron license, except for a license issued to a resident under sub. (3m), it shall
provide each licensee who is at least 18 years of age with an annual subscription to
the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine without any additional fee or charge.

SECTION 6. 29.563 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act
.... (Assembly Bill 64), is amended to read:

29.563 (4) (a) 2. Conservation patron: $151.30 $160.25 or a greater amount at
the applicant’s option.

SECTION 7. 29.563 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act
.... (Assembly Bill 64), is amended to read:

29.563 (4) (b) 2. Conservation patron: $586.30 $595.25 or a greater amount at
the applicant’s option.

SECTION 8. 2017 Wisconsin Act .... (Assembly Bill 64), section 9133 (5) is
repealed.

SECTION 9. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication,
except as follows:

(1) The treatment of sections 20.370 (8) (ir) and (9) (iq), 23.16 (1), 29.235 (5),
and 29.563 (4) (a) 2. and (b) 2. of the statutes and SECTION 8 of this act take effect on
July 1, 2017, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2017 biennial budget act,
whichever is later.

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