

### Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

LRB Number **21s0127/1**      Introduction Number **ASA1-AB285**

**Description**  
free access to boat launches for veterans over 65 years of age

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

No State Fiscal Effect

Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs

**Local:**

No Local Government Costs

Indeterminate

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <u>Lake</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The substitute amendment creates a program where resident veterans age 65 and older may use any public boat launch in the state without paying a fee if the veteran provides copies of his or her vehicle registration and certificate of release or discharge from active duty (commonly known as form DD214). The bill provides that, in lieu of making any payment required at a boat launch, this documentation must be provided either to the boat launch attendant or deposited into a receptacle provided for collecting payments at the boat launch.

Further, the amendment does not prevent the department from requiring veterans age 65 and older to pay Vehicle Admission fees to use boat launches located within State Parks and Forests.

#### I. State Fiscal Impact:

##### A. Costs

No impact.

##### B. Revenue

No impact.

#### II. Local Fiscal Impact

##### A. Costs

Counties, cities, towns and villages will incur indeterminate costs to administer the free boat launch program, as the bill requires boat landing operators to accept documentation from veterans. Administrative costs would vary by boat launch.

##### B. Revenue

The amendment would reduce revenue for local units of government that have opted to charge boat launch fees.

State statutes authorize governmental entities to charge reasonable fees for use of boat landings under their jurisdiction. The daily fee may not exceed the cost of a daily Wisconsin State Parks fee admission (\$8) or 10 times that amount (\$80) for a seasonal boat launch pass.

Additional fees may be included depending on the amenities offered at the launch, whether it is a launch into the Great Lakes, and larger sized boats may be assessed more fees with permission granted from the Department. In the last 5 fiscal years, 8 jurisdictions have applied and received permission to charge fees that range from \$5 to \$18 for resident daily, \$40 to \$180 for resident seasonal, \$7 to \$26 for non-jurisdiction residents daily, and \$50 to \$265 for non-jurisdiction resident seasonal.

The Department does not have information on boat launch fee revenues collected at the local level to understand the local revenue impact of the proposed exemption; therefore, the estimated revenue loss is considered to be indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications