# Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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Description the definition of public zoos and aquariums for purposes of captive wildlife regulations					
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# Fiscal Estimate Narratives DNR 3/27/2023

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Description						
the definition of public zoos and aquariums for purposes of captive wildlife regulations						

#### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill expands the definition of "public zoos and aquariums" that are exempt from having to obtain a captive wild animal farm license to include those that are accredited members of the Zoological Association of America.

### I. Background Information

Wisconsin law regulates the possession of and activities involving captive wildlife. Activities that are regulated include but are not limited to taking, transporting, selling, purchasing, introducing, stocking, releasing, hunting, exhibiting, propagating and rehabilitating captive wild animals.

Public zoos and aquariums are required to obtain an annual captive wild animal farm license, unless they are operated by the state or by a city, village, or county or that are an accredited member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

A Class A captive wild animal farm license is required for facilities that earn at least \$10,000/yr. in annual sales. The cost of an initial Class A license is \$200 with an annual renewal fee of \$100.

A Class B captive wild animal farm license is required for facilities that earn less than \$10,000/yr. in annual sales. The cost of an initial Class B license is \$50 with an annual renewal fee of \$25.

#### II. Assumptions

The fiscal effect of the bill would be minimal, as the proposed exemption applies to only one Class B captive wild animal farm license.

#### III. State Fiscal Effect-Revenue

The department estimates an \$25 reduction in annual captive wildlife license revenue as a result of one fewer facility needing to renew a Class B license.

#### IV. State Fiscal Effect-Costs

The department estimates a minimal reduction in annual staffing costs from processing one fewer renewal of a Class B license.

## **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**