



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Ley, BB0170 – Wild ginseng license revenues

FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

NATURAL RESOURCES

FISH, GAME, AND WILDLIFE

Under current law, certain fees that DNR receives, including all of the fees that DNR receives from issuing wild ginseng licenses, are appropriated to DNR for the purposes of the endangered resources program. Under that program, DNR purchases and improves land or habitats for native endangered or threatened species, conducts the natural heritage inventory program, conducts wildlife and resource research, and provides for wildlife damage control or the payment of claims for damage associated with endangered or threatened species.

Under this bill, wild ginseng license fees are deposited in the conservation fund but are not appropriated to DNR for the purpose of the endangered resources program.

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 (1) (fs) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (1) (fs) *Endangered resources — voluntary payments; sales, leases, and fees.* As a continuing appropriation, from moneys received as amounts designated under ss. 71.10 (5) (b) and 71.30 (10) (b), the net amounts certified under ss. 71.10 (5) (h) 4. and 71.30 (10) (h) 3., all moneys received from the sale or lease of resources derived from the land in the state natural areas system, and all moneys received from fees collected under ss. 29.319 (2), 29.563 (10) (a), and 341.14 (6r) (b) 5. and 12., for the purposes of the endangered resources program, as defined under ss. 71.10 (5) (a) 2. and 71.30 (10) (a) 2. Three percent of the moneys certified under ss. 71.10 (5) (h) 4. and 71.30 (10) (h) 3. in each fiscal year and 3% of the fees received under s. 341.14 (6r) (b) 5. and 12. in each fiscal year shall be allocated for wildlife damage control and payment of claims for damage associated with endangered or threatened species, except that this combined allocation may not exceed \$100,000 per fiscal year.

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