



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

NATURAL RESOURCES

OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES

This bill eliminates the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine, which is currently published six times a year by DNR. The bill directs DNR to publish the final issue in February 2018 and, by June 30, 2018, to refund to each subscriber a prorated amount of the subscription cost for all issues after February 2018 for which the subscriber subscribed but that the subscriber will not receive. The bill also reduces the fee for a conservation patron license issued to a person 18 years of age or older, except for a Purple Heart conservation patron license, by \$8.95 annually. Under current law, when DNR issues a conservation patron license to a person who is at least 18 years of age it must also provide the licensee an annual subscription to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine without any additional fee or charge.

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 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SECTION 2. 20.370 (9) (iq) of the statutes is repealed.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 3. 23.16 (1) of the statutes 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. 29.235 (5) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 29.563 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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

SECTION 6. 29.563 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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

SECTION 9133. Nonstatutory provisions; Natural Resources.

(1) WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES MAGAZINE. The department of natural resources shall publish the final issue of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine in February 2018 and shall publish no more issues of the magazine after that date. No later than June 30, 2018, the department of natural resources shall refund to each subscriber to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine a prorated amount of the subscription cost of all issues after February 2018 for which the subscriber subscribed but that the subscriber will not receive.

SECTION 9433. Effective dates; Natural Resources.

(1) WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES MAGAZINE.

(a) The treatment of sections 20.370 (8) (ir) and (9) (iq), 23.16 (1), and 29.235 (5) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2018.

(b) The treatment of section 29.563 (4) (a) 2. and (b) 2. of the statutes takes effect on April 1, 2018.

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