



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 394**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 842]

**Proceeds of Sale of Seized Property**

Current law authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to administer the trapper education program. Also, under current law, the only person who may resell confiscated fish or game that is purchased from DNR is a restaurant owner who sells it to the restaurant's customers. Under current law, the DNR may sell to the highest bidder any confiscated wild animals, carcasses, or plants that it has seized in connection with violations of fish and game or other natural resources laws.

**2005 Wisconsin Act 394** authorizes DNR to sell skins that are prepared as part of the trapper education program and to use the proceeds from the sale of the skins for the trapper education program. The Act allows the department to use any wild animals, plants, vehicles, or objects that it confiscates in any of the educational programs that it conducts, as well as unclaimed property in the possession of the DNR.

**Act 394** also makes modifications to achieve consistency in statutes that allow DNR to seize and confiscate any vehicle, boat, or object or wild animals or plants that relate to the violation of fish and game and other natural resources statutes. The Act also expands the scope of these statutes so that they apply to all statutes for which the DNR and the wardens have enforcement authority.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.