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**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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**2013 Wisconsin Act 69  
[2013 Senate Bill 189]**

**Dry Cleaner Response Council  
Membership, Citation Authority for  
Wetland Discharges, Electronic  
Reporting, Sturgeon Spearing  
Licenses, and Publication of Notices**

2013 Wisconsin Act 69 makes several changes to statutes relating to or administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

**DRY CLEANER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COUNCIL**

Under current law, of the six-member Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Council, one member is required to represent dry cleaning operations with annual gross receipts of less than \$200,000 and two members are required to represent dry cleaning operations with annual gross receipts of at least \$200,000. Act 69 removes the gross receipts requirements for representation on the Council and provides instead that three members of the Council must represent dry cleaning operations.

**REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS**

Current law requires the DNR to maintain a toll-free telephone number to receive reports of violations of any statute or rule that the DNR enforces or administers. Act 69 authorizes the DNR to establish, in addition to the toll-free number, additional electronic methods to receive reports of violations.

**CITATION AUTHORITY**

Under current law, the DNR may recover forfeitures imposed for the violation of certain natural resources and environmental laws using a citation procedure. Act 69 authorizes the DNR to use this citation procedure to enforce laws regulating the discharge of fill into wetlands.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.

**STURGEON SPEARING LICENSES**

Under current law, issuance of a sturgeon spearing license is generally prohibited during the period beginning on November 1 and ending on the last day of the open season for the spearing of lake sturgeon. One exception to this prohibition is for a resident who has attained the age of 14 during that period. Act 69 lowers the age to which this exception applies to age 12.

**NOTICE FOR CH. 30 AND WETLAND PERMITS**

Current law authorizes the DNR to delegate the DNR's requirement to provide notice of certain ch. 30 and wetland permit applications to the permit applicant. Act 69 provides that if the DNR delegates to an applicant the requirement to provide notice by publishing a Class 1 notice, the applicant may request that DNR publish the notice instead. The DNR must charge the applicant a fee for publishing the Class 1 notice in an amount that equals the average cost to the DNR for publishing the notice.

***Effective date:*** Act 69 takes effect on December 14, 2013.

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