



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 661

March 6, 2012 - Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, AUGUST, BALLWEG, KNILANS, KOOYENGA, KRUG, PRIDEMORE, RIPP, SPANBAUER, STEINEKE, STROEBEL, TURNER, ENDSLEY and THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senators LEIBHAM and LASEE. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.2285 (3) (d); and *to create* 23.24 (4) (b) 4., 29.219 (1) (d) and  
2           29.228 (1) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** exceptions to fishing license  
3           requirements.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law, with certain exceptions, requires a person who fishes in the waters of this state to hold a fishing license issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Current law also requires a person, before stocking fish in the waters of this state, to obtain a permit from DNR and to have the fish certified by a qualified inspector as meeting certain fish health standards. Current law also prohibits the stocking of any fish that is a species of lake sturgeon, regardless of whether a permit has been issued.

This bill creates an exception to the general fishing license requirements under current law. Under the bill, no fishing license is required for a person to fish in a pond that is entirely confined on private property if the owner of the private property gives the person permission to fish in the pond.

Under current law, a person may not control aquatic plants in waters of this state by the use of chemicals without a permit issued by DNR. This bill allows a person to use an algaecide or herbicide in a pond that is entirely confined on the person's private property without obtaining a permit from DNR.

