



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 SENATE BILL 754

January 29, 2018 - Introduced by Senator RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives QUINN, KLEEFISCH, VRUWINK, HORLACHER, DOYLE, BERCEAU and FIELDS. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry.

- 1     **AN ACT to create** 29.219 (2g), 29.229 (2) (gm), 29.2295 (2) (gm) and 29.563 (3) (a)  
2     4g. and 4h. of the statutes; **relating to:** a resident lifetime fishing license.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, with certain exceptions including an exception for residents under the age of 16, no person may fish in this state unless the person has a valid approval that authorizes fishing. The Department of Natural Resources issues various fishing licenses, such as resident annual fishing licenses, one-day fishing licenses, and two-day sports fishing licenses. This bill requires DNR also to issue lifetime fishing licenses to residents. Under the bill, a resident lifetime fishing license confers the privilege of an annual fishing license. The holder of a resident lifetime fishing license must still be issued a fishing stamp if the type of fishing in which he or she will be engaged requires such a stamp. The bill establishes the fee for a resident lifetime fishing license at 30 times the fee for a resident annual fishing license, which under current law is \$19.25 plus a 75 cent issuing fee. Thus, at the current rate, a resident lifetime fishing license fee under the bill is \$577.50, plus a 75 cent issuing fee. The bill provides that the fee for a resident lifetime fishing license issued to a resident age 62 or older is reduced to five times the annual fishing license fee, which under the current rate is \$96.25, plus a 75 cent issuing fee.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

