



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 842

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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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.

Assembly Bill 842 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 bill 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.

Assembly Amendment 1 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 amendment also expands the scope of these statutes so that they apply to all statutes for which the DNR and the wardens have enforcement authority.

Legislative History

Representative Moulton offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 17, 2006. On January 18, 2006 the Assembly Natural Resources Committee recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

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