



## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 423

July 27, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, SYKORA, ALBERS, KREIBICH, HUTCHISON, HAHN, GRONEMUS and GUNDERSON, cosponsored by Senators RUDE, COWLES, FARROW, SCHULTZ and BAUMGART. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 29.403 of the statutes; **relating to:** regulating fishing  
2             tournaments and granting rule-making authority.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the department of natural resources (DNR) to promulgate rules to establish a program to authorize and to regulate fishing tournaments. The bill requires that the rules include a procedure for authorizing a person to operate a fishing tournament. Under the bill, the rules must require that a DNR employe with expertise in the area of fishery resources determine whether to authorize a person to operate a fishing tournament. The bill requires that DNR, in determining whether or not to authorize a person to operate a fishing tournament, consider the potential for crowding on the body of water where the tournament will be held, the impact that the tournament will have on access to public facilities near the body of water where the tournament will be held, the impact that the tournament will have on fishery resources and the potential for the waste of a natural resource. Current law does not require DNR to promulgate rules relating to fishing tournaments.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:*

3             **SECTION 1.** 29.403 of the statutes is created to read:

