



2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 415

May 18, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives POWERS, GRONEMUS, HAHN, SKINDRUD, MUSSER, SYKORA and TOWNSEND. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 29.235 (2m), 29.241 (1), 29.351 (3), 29.597 (5) (a), 29.597 (6) (b)
2 1., 29.597 (6) (b) 2. and 29.597 (6) (b) 3.; and **to create** 29.563 (6) (am) of the
3 statutes; **relating to:** trapping licenses issued to nonresidents.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of natural resources (DNR) may issue trapping licenses only to residents. To be issued a license, most residents must successfully complete instruction under the trapper education program administered by DNR. Residents who are exempt from this requirement include persons who held state trapping licenses on or before May 12, 1992, and farmers.

This bill creates a nonresident trapping license and establishes a fee for the nonresident license that is substantially higher than the fee for the resident license. Under the bill, DNR may issue a trapping license only to a nonresident who successfully completes the trapper education course in this state or a similar course in another state. The bill provides no exemptions for nonresidents from this licensing requirement.

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

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 29.235 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 29.235 **(2m)** AUTHORIZATION; NONRESIDENT HUNTING AND, FISHING, AND TRAPPING
3 PRIVILEGES. A nonresident conservation patron license confers upon the licensee all
4 the combined privileges conferred by a nonresident small game hunting license,
5 nonresident deer hunting license, nonresident wild turkey hunting license,
6 nonresident archer hunting license, waterfowl hunting stamp, pheasant hunting
7 stamp, a wild turkey hunting stamp, nonresident annual fishing license, sturgeon
8 spearing license, an inland waters trout stamp and, a Great Lakes trout and salmon
9 stamp, and a trapping license.

10 **SECTION 2.** 29.241 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 29.241 **(1)** ISSUANCE. A trapping license shall be issued subject to s. 29.024 by
12 the department to any resident or nonresident applying for this license.

13 **SECTION 3.** 29.351 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 29.351 **(3)** Possess the raw skin of any muskrat, mink, otter, fisher, or pine
15 marten at any time unless the person is the holder of a valid scientific collector
16 permit, fur dealer license, trapping license, ~~or resident~~ conservation patron license.
17 No license is required for a person breeding, raising, and producing domestic
18 fur-bearing animals in captivity, as defined in s. 29.873, or for a person authorized
19 to take muskrats on a cranberry marsh under a permit issued to the person by the
20 department.

21 **SECTION 4.** 29.563 (6) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

22 29.563 **(6)** (am) *Nonresident license.* Trapping: \$149.25.

23 **SECTION 5.** 29.597 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 29.597 **(5)** (a) The department shall issue a certificate of accomplishment
25 without charge to a person who successfully completes the course of instruction

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1 under the trapper education program and who pays the instruction fee. The
2 certificate may be used by a resident the person to whom it is issued in place of a
3 trapping license for the period specified by the department.

4 **SECTION 6.** 29.597 (6) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 29.597 (6) (b) 1. A ~~person~~ resident who holds held on May 12, 1992, a valid
6 approval authorizing trapping.

7 **SECTION 7.** 29.597 (6) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 29.597 (6) (b) 2. A ~~person~~ resident who is a farmer, as defined in s. 102.04 (3).

9 **SECTION 8.** 29.597 (6) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 29.597 (6) (b) 3. A ~~person~~ resident who has held a valid approval authorizing
11 trapping that expired before May 12, 1992, and that was not suspended or revoked.

12 **SECTION 9. Effective date.**

13 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after
14 publication.

15 (END)