



2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 811

January 27, 2016 – Introduced by Representative GANNON, cosponsored by Senator STROEBEL. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** lights on boats prohibited by a rule promulgated by the
2 Department of Natural Resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes a change to a rule promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources relating to the display of blue lights on boats. The current rule prohibits the display of a blue light or lamp on a vessel other than a patrol boat, which is a boat authorized by this state or by a local governmental unit for the purpose of law enforcement, search and rescue, fire fighting, emergency response, or water safety operations. Under this bill, only a flashing blue light is prohibited from display on vessels that are not patrol boats.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** NR 5.17 (2) of the administrative code is amended to read:
4 NR 5.17 (2) No vessel may be equipped with or display any ~~blue colored light~~
5 ~~or lamp~~ flashing blue light unless the vessel is a patrol boat defined in s. 30.50 (9b),
6 Stats.

7 (END)