



## 2023 SENATE BILL 126

March 8, 2023 - Introduced by Senators WANGGAARD, BALLWEG and FELZKOWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives DALLMAN, SWEARINGEN, BROOKS, MOSES, MURPHY, NOVAK and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Labor, Regulatory Reform, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 169.01 (28) of the statutes; **relating to:** the definition of public  
2           zoos and aquariums for purposes of captive wildlife regulations.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law generally prohibits the possession, exhibition, propagation, sale, and purchase of wild animals without a relevant license issued by the Department of Natural Resources. Public zoos and aquariums, which are facilities operated by the state or by a city, village, or county or that are an accredited member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, are exempt from these license requirements.

This bill expands the definition of “public zoos and aquariums” to include those that are accredited members of the Zoological Association of America.

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:*

3           **SECTION 1.** 169.01 (28) of the statutes is amended to read:

