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2023 Wisconsin Act 112
[2023 Senate Bill 411]

Transportation of Fish

PRIOR LAW

If a fish was subject to a minimum size limit and taken by hook and line, prior law generally allowed transportation of the fish only if: (1) the fish retained its head and tail; or (2) the dressed or fileted fish continued to meet the applicable minimum size limit.

2023 WISCONSIN ACT 112

2023 Wisconsin Act 112 adds an alternative option for transporting fish that are subject to a size limit. Specifically, the act allows a person to transport a fish that is subject to a size limit and taken by hook and line, if the person provides, upon request, a physical or digital photograph that shows the fish before the head or tail was removed alongside a ruler (or other method acceptable to the Department of Natural Resources) for proving the length of the fish. The act requires the photograph to bear a stamp of the time and date on which the photograph was taken.

The act also specifies that, if a person displays a photograph to a conservation warden using a cell phone or other electronic device, the warden may not view any other content on the phone or device, and the display does not constitute consent for viewing other content.

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For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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