



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE BILL 411

September 8, 2023 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, TOMCZYK and QUINN, cosponsored by Representatives SUMMERFIELD, O'CONNOR, EDMING, GREEN, MICHALSKI and STEFFEN. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage.

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 29.407 (1) (b) and 29.407 (2) (d); and *to create* 29.407 (1) (b) 1. b. and 29.407 (2) (d) 1. b. of the statutes; **relating to:**
the transportation of fish taken by hook and line.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law restricts the transportation of a fish with the head or tail, or both, removed or a filleted fish, if that fish is subject to a minimum size limit and taken by hook and line from inland waters or outlying waters. Under current law, such a dressed or filleted fish may be transported only if it continues to meet the minimum size limit. Under this bill, such a dressed or filleted fish may also be transported if the person transporting the fish provides upon request a physical or digital photograph that bears a stamp of the time and date on which the photograph was taken and 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 its length.

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

SENATE BILL 411**SECTION 1**

SECTION 1. 29.407 (1) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 29.407 (1) (b) 1. (intro.) and amended to read:

29.407 (1) (b) 1. (intro.) All fish that are subject to a minimum size limit and are taken by hook and line may be transported with the head or tail, or both, removed and may be filleted before being transported, but only if ~~the~~ one of the following applies:

a. The dressed or filleted fish continues to meet the minimum size limit.

2. A dressed fish shall remain in one piece with the skin and scales intact.

The skin and scales shall remain on a filleted fish.

SECTION 2. 29.407 (1) (b) 1. b. of the statutes is created to read:

29.407 (1) (b) 1. b. The person transporting the fish provides upon request a physical or digital photograph that bears a stamp of the time and date on which the photograph was taken and that shows the fish before the head or tail was removed alongside a ruler or other method acceptable to the department for proving the length of the fish.

SECTION 3. 29.407 (2) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 29.407 (2) (d) 1. (intro.) and amended to read:

29.407 (2) (d) 1. (intro.) All fish which are subject to a minimum size limit and are taken by hook and line may be transported with the head or tail, or both, removed and may be filleted before being transported, but only if ~~the~~ one of the following applies:

a. The dressed or filleted fish continues to meet the minimum size limit.

SENATE BILL 411**SECTION 3**

2. A dressed fish shall remain in one piece with the skin and scales intact.

The skin and scales shall remain on a filleted fish.

SECTION 4. 29.407 (2) (d) 1. b. of the statutes is created to read:

29.407 (2) (d) 1. b. The person transporting the fish provides upon request a physical or digital photograph that bears a stamp of the time and date on which the photograph was taken and that shows the fish before the head or tail was removed alongside a ruler or other method acceptable to the department for proving the length of the fish.

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