



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 176

June 13, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives BIES, JACQUE, KAUFERT and VAN ROY, cosponsored by Senator LASEE. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.519 (1m) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** minimum
2 harvesting requirements for commercial fishing in the Great Lakes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources may promulgate rules establishing qualifications for persons applying for commercial fishing licenses for fishing in the Great Lakes. These rules include a requirement that, in order to qualify for a license, an applicant must have harvested in the previous license year at least a certain amount of fish. This bill prohibits minimum harvesting requirements.

For further information see the *state* 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.519 (1m) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 29.519 (1m) (c) The department may promulgate rules defining the
5 qualifications of licensees in the reasonable exercise of this authority, giving due
6 consideration to residency, past record including compliance with the records

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1 requirements of sub. (5), fishing and navigation ability and quantity and quality of
2 equipment possessed. The rules may not impose any minimum harvesting
3 requirements on applicants for licenses requiring that applicants harvested, in any
4 previous period of time, a specified minimum amount of fish. Rules relating to
5 licensing commercial fishers shall be based on criteria provided by the commercial
6 fishing boards under sub. (7).

7 (END)