

State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Bill 411

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2023 WISCONSIN ACT 112

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

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

SECTION 1. 29.407 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

29.407 (1) (b) 1. All fish that are subject to a size limit and are taken by hook and line may be transported if one of the following applies:

a. The fish is a whole, dressed, or filleted fish with the head and tail attached.

b. The fish is a dressed or filleted fish with the head or tail or both removed or is in the form of fillets and the person transporting the fish provides upon request a photograph described under subd. 2. that shows the fish before the head or tail or both were removed alongside a ruler or other method acceptable to the department for proving the length of the fish.

2. A photograph under subd. 1. b. shall be either a physical photograph that bears a stamp of the time and date on which the photograph was taken or a digital photograph displayed on a cellular telephone or other electronic device with metadata that indicates the time and date the image was captured. If a digital photograph is displayed on a cellular telephone or other electronic device, the conservation warden may not view, and displaying a digital photograph does not constitute consent for the conservation warden to view, any content on the

telephone or other device except for the photograph and metadata required under this subdivision.

3. For any fish transported under subd. 1., a dressed fish shall remain in one piece with the skin and scales intact and the skin and scales shall remain on a filleted fish and on a fish in the form of fillets.

SECTION 2. 29.407 (2) (d) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

29.407 (2) (d) 1. All fish that are subject to a size limit and are taken by hook and line may be transported if one of the following applies:

a. The fish is a whole, dressed, or filleted fish with the head and tail attached.

b. The fish is a dressed or filleted fish with the head or tail or both removed or is in the form of fillets and the person transporting the fish provides upon request a photograph described under subd. 2. that shows the fish before the head or tail or both were removed alongside a ruler or other method acceptable to the department for proving the length of the fish.

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