

# 2007 SENATE BILL 357

December 17, 2007 – Introduced by Senators HANSEN, TAYLOR and GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives VAN ROY, SOLETSKI, BIES, F. LASEE and NYGREN. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

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

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***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.

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***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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**SECTION 1**

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)