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2009 SENATE BILL 48

February 11, 2009 – Introduced by Senators HOLPERIN, MILLER, VINEHOUT, WIRCH, COWLES, LEIBHAM, HANSEN, TAYLOR and ERPENBACH, cosponsored by Representatives HRAYCHUCK, MILROY, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, CLARK, DANOU, HUBLER, KERKMAN, MEYER, SUDER, TOWNSEND, ZIGMUNT, SMITH, VRUWINK, GUNDERSON and KAUFERT. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

AN ACT ***to repeal*** 29.426 and 29.428 of the statutes; **relating to:** catch and release bass and muskellunge fishing.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish a fishing season that authorizes catch and release muskellunge fishing on certain inland waters. Under current law, the season begins on the first day of the general fishing season and ends on the day before the first day of the regular muskellunge fishing season. Current law also prohibits a person from using a hook, bait, or lure, other than an artificial lure that has a barbless hook while fishing for bass or for muskellunge during the respective catch and release seasons established by DNR for fishing for those fish.

This bill repeals these provisions.

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

SECTION 1. 29.426 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. 29.428 of the statutes is repealed.

(END)