



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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2017 BILL

1 **AN ACT to create** 29.921 (6m) of the statutes; **relating to:** the authority of a
2 conservation warden to enter private land and the admissibility of evidence.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, conservation wardens are appointed by the Department of Natural Resources to enforce the laws DNR is required to administer, including fish and game laws. This bill generally prohibits a DNR conservation warden from entering private land for the purpose of enforcing fish and game laws unless the warden has reasonable suspicion that a fish and game law violation has occurred or is occurring, and provides that evidence of a fish and game law violation collected in violation of this prohibition is not admissible in evidence in a prosecution of that violation.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.921 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:
4 29.921 **(6m)** AUTHORITY TO ENTER PRIVATE LAND. (a) Except as provided under
5 ss. 29.503 (6), 29.506 (7), 29.519 (6), 29.537 (6), 29.705 (3), 29.885, 29.889 (8r), and
6 29.924 (5), a conservation warden may not enter private land for the purpose of

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SECTION 1

1 enforcing this chapter unless the warden has reasonable suspicion that a violation
2 of this chapter has occurred or is occurring.

3 (b) Evidence of a violation of this chapter that is collected as a result of a
4 conservation warden's entrance onto private land in violation of par. (a) is not
5 admissible in evidence in a prosecution of that violation.

6 (END)