



Tony Evers

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 347 in its entirety.

This bill removes the requirement that animal exhibition facilities holding a U.S. Department of Agriculture Class C exhibitor license must also hold the relevant license issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to reducing the standards to which wildlife exhibition facilities are held in Wisconsin. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Class C license has some requirements that are more lenient than those of the Department of Natural Resources. Eliminating the state licensing requirement for these facilities would prevent the department from applying state standards that are designed to ensure humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of captive animals.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers
Governor