

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 447 authorizes any person to forage for nuts and edible plants or fungi on state-owned or state-managed property accessible to the public for personal consumption only. Foraged plants may not be resold. The plants and fungi must not be certified as crops or endangered/threatened. The measure encourages foraging persons to wear an outer garment of hunter orange. No person may forage on land located on state-owned or University-owned test or research farms or leased to individuals. Individuals may not forage on land along public roads, areas owned or operated by a law enforcement agency, or areas surrounding correction facilities. The measure specifies that individuals may forage on Wildlife Management Area owned land or Department of Wildlife Conservation managed land after July 1, 2026.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 447 clarifies that foraging shall only be for personal consumption, defines personal consumption, and states that individuals may forage on the lands outlined in the measure beginning July 1, 2026.

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