



## 1995 SENATE BILL 569

February 21, 1996 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, DARLING, BURKE, CLAUSING and DECKER, cosponsored by Representatives REYNOLDS, BOYLE, HUTCHISON, BLACK, NOTESTEIN, CULLEN, RILEY, WIRCH, LA FAVE, ROBSON, VANDER LOOP, KREUSER and BALDWIN. Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 144.942 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** drilling beneath the  
2 beds of the Great Lakes and other waters to explore for or produce oil or gas.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, no person may drill to explore for or produce oil or gas from beneath the beds of the Great Lakes or bays or harbors that are adjacent to the Great Lakes unless that drilling is conducted from the shore and pursuant to a written lease from the department of natural resources.

Under this bill, no person may drill to explore for or produce oil or gas from beneath the beds of the Great Lakes or bays or harbors that are adjacent to the Great Lakes.

For further information see the *state and local* 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.** 144.942 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 144.942 (4) No person may conduct drilling operations for the exploration for  
5 or production of oil or gas from beneath the beds of the Great Lakes or bays or harbors  
6 that are adjacent to the Great Lakes, ~~unless all drilling operations originate from~~  
7 ~~locations above and on the landward side of the ordinary high-water mark and are~~

1 ~~conducted according to the terms of a written lease obtained from the department~~  
2 ~~under s. 30.20 (2) (b).~~

3 **(END)**