1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 656

December 11, 1997 - Introduced by Committee on Highways and Transportation. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

AN ACT to amend 30.12 (4) (a) of the statutes; relating to: interdepartmental coordination of certain environmental protection measures applicable to transportation projects.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no permit is required from the department of natural resources (DNR) for highway and bridge work that is directed and supervised by the department of transportation (DOT) and that involves the placement of structures or the deposition of material in navigable waters of this state if the work is accomplished in accordance with interdepartmental liaison procedures established by DOT and DNR for minimizing the adverse environmental impact, if any, of the work.

This bill exempts any transportation project directed and supervised by DOT from having to obtain a permit from DNR to place structures or deposit material in navigable waters if the transportation project is accomplished in accordance with the interdepartmental liaison procedures.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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SECTION 1

SECTION 1. 30.12 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.12 (4) (a) Activities affecting waters of the state as defined in s. 281.01 (18) that are carried out under the direction and supervision of the department of transportation in connection with highway and, bridge or other transportation project design, location, construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair are not subject to the prohibitions or permit or approval requirements specified under this section or s. 29.29, 30.11, 30.123, 30.195, 30.20, 59.692, 61.351, 62.231 or 87.30 or chs. 281 to 285 or 289 to 299, except s. 281.48. However, at the earliest practical time prior to the commencement of these activities, the department of transportation shall notify the department of the location, nature and extent of the proposed work that may affect the waters of the state.

12 (END)