



2003 SENATE BILL 198

June 17, 2003 – Introduced by Senators SCHULTZ, A. LASEE and WELCH, cosponsored by Representatives ALBERS, MUSSER, GRONEMUS, OWENS, AINSWORTH, HAHN, GROTHMAN, HINES and KESTELL. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 295.16 (4) (k) of the statutes; **relating to:** an exemption from
2 requirements for nonmetallic mining reclamation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to promulgate rules containing uniform statewide standards for the reclamation of nonmetallic mining sites. Nonmetallic mining is the extraction of substances such as stone, sand, and gravel for sale or use by the owner. Current law requires counties to administer a nonmetallic mining reclamation program that complies with DNR rules and that includes permit requirements, requirements for fees, requirements for reclamation plans, and requirements for proof of financial responsibility for reclaiming nonmetallic mining sites. If a county does not administer a program that complies with the rules, DNR administers the nonmetallic mining reclamation program in the county. Current law also provides some exemptions from the nonmetallic mining reclamation requirements.

This bill exempts from the nonmetallic mining reclamation requirements the removal of soils for the purpose of creating a pond or wetland that has an area of three acres or less.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

