



2003 SENATE BILL 296

October 29, 2003 – Introduced by Senator LEIBHAM, cosponsored by Representative ZIEGELBAUER. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to create** 30.121 (3w) of the statutes; **relating to:** the regulation of
2 certain boathouses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law, with some exceptions, imposes a prohibition on placing a boathouse beyond the ordinary high-water mark of a navigable waterway. Under this bill, a person is exempt from this prohibition for a project that involves the construction, repair, or maintenance of a boathouse if the boathouse is used exclusively for commercial purposes; is located on commercially zoned or industrially zoned land, in a brownfield, or in a blighted area; and is located in a commercial harbor or on a tributary of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior. Additionally, if a waterway is being enlarged or connected or if grading of topsoil of a certain amount from the bank of a navigable body of water is involved as part of the project, the person must have been issued any necessary permit by the Department of Natural Resources. Current law defines a “brownfield” to be an industrial or commercial facility, the expansion or redevelopment of which is complicated by environmental contamination.

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:

