



2005 SENATE BILL 198

May 5, 2005 - Introduced by Senators KANAVAS, DARLING, KEDZIE, GROTHMAN, ROESSLER and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives FIELDS, HONADEL, GARD, ZEPNICK, MONTGOMERY, JENSEN, GRIGSBY, OTT, TOWNSEND, MCCORMICK, ALBERS, HAHN, GIELOW, HINES, LOTHIAN, PRIDEMORE, CULLEN, VRAKAS and BALLWEG. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 75.106 (1) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** the assignment of
2 property contaminated by hazardous substances.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county may assign to a person the county's right to take judgment on property that is subject to foreclosure for delinquent taxes, if the parcel is a brownfield and if the person to whom the property is assigned agrees to clean up the property. Under current law, a brownfield is, generally, any abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial property that has not been expanded or redeveloped because of actual or perceived environmental contamination. Under this bill, for purposes of assigning contaminated property, a brownfield is any abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial property or any abandoned residential property.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 75.106 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 75.106 (1) (a) "Brownfield" has the meaning given in s. 560.13 (1) (a) means
5 abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial facilities or sites or

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1 abandoned residential property, if the county in which the facility, site, or property
2 is located has commenced a foreclosure action under s. 75.521.

3 (END)