



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 215

May 20, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives A. OTT, DANOU, BARNES, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, BERNIER, BEWLEY, BIES, BILLINGS, BROOKS, CLARK, CZAJA, ENDSLEY, GOYKE, HESSELBEIN, JACQUE, KAHL, KAUFERT, KLEEFISCH, KOLSTE, KRUG, LEMAHIEU, LOUDENBECK, MILROY, MURSAU, NERISON, OHNSTAD, PETRYK, RIEMER, RIPP, SHANKLAND, SMITH, TAUCHEN, TITTL, WACHS and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Senators KEDZIE, MILLER, COWLES, T. CULLEN, GROTHMAN, HANSEN, JAUCH, LEHMAN, SCHULTZ, SHILLING and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Environment and Forestry.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 283.31 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** the number of  
2             wastewater discharge permits required for a publicly owned sewage treatment  
3             facility or system.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law prohibits the discharge of wastewater from a point source (such as a pipe) to surface water or groundwater without a permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The law generally prohibits DNR from requiring more than one wastewater discharge permit for a publicly owned sewage treatment facility or system, regardless of the number of point sources from the system.

This bill eliminates the prohibition on DNR requiring more than one wastewater discharge permit for a publicly owned sewage treatment or collection system.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 283.31 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             283.31 (1) The discharge of any pollutant into any waters of the state or the  
6             disposal of sludge from a treatment work by any person is unlawful unless such

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1 discharge or disposal is done under a permit issued by the department under this  
2 section or s. 283.33. The department may by rule exempt certain classes or categories  
3 of vessels from this section. ~~Except as provided in s. 283.33, the department may~~  
4 ~~require only one permit for a publicly owned treatment or collection facility or~~  
5 ~~system, regardless of the number of point sources from such facility or system.~~

6 (END)