

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
SB 57 (-1564/1)  
Amendment No. if Applicable

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**FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

**Subject**  
Map Wetlands 2 Acres Or More In Size For The Wisconsin Wetland Inventory; Expand City/Village Shoreland Wetland Zoning Requirement.

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation     Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Appropriation     Decrease Existing Revenues
- Create New Appropriation

- Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget  Yes  No
- Decrease Costs

**Local:**  No local government costs

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory<br>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory<br>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Villages <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities<br><input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts |
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**Fund Sources Affected**

- GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

20.370 (4) (br)

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

**SUMMARY OF BILL** - Currently, the DNR is required to map all wetlands in the state that are 5 acres or greater in size. This bill would require the Department to map all wetlands in the state 2 acres or greater in size and map wetlands contiguous to wetlands that are over 2 acres in area.

Cities and villages are currently required to adopt and administer shoreland wetland zoning ordinances for all wetlands or portions of wetlands 5 acres or greater in size within the shoreland zone. They are not required to regulate portions of wetlands that fall outside the shoreland zone. This bill would require all cities and villages to expand their shoreland wetland zoning requirements to cover all wetlands or portions of wetlands 2 acres or greater in size within the shoreland and all portions of wetlands (regardless of size) that fall outside of the shoreland zone that are connected to wetlands 2 acres or greater in size within the shoreland zone.

**FISCAL IMPACT** - The Department completed mapping the state's wetlands (2 or 5 acre minimum map unit) in 1984. In FY 1984-85, the Legislature allowed for updating the original Wisconsin Wetland Inventory (WWI) on a 10 year cycle. The Department is currently delineating and classifying all wetlands 2 acres or greater in size for the WWI update program. Those isolated wetlands that are smaller than 2 acres in size are mapped as point symbols. Because the definition of "contiguous wetland" in this bill is vague, for the purpose of this fiscal estimate the Department assumes the definition of "contiguous" to be those portions of wetlands (regardless of size) that fall outside of the shoreland zone that are connected to wetlands 2 acres or greater in size within the shoreland zone. The Department currently maps all wetlands in the state, regardless of where they are located.

Up to 422 communities would be required to amend their current shoreland wetland zoning ordinances to reflect the new law. Up to 161 additional communities previously not required to adopt and administer a shoreland wetland zoning ordinance may now be required to do so under the new law. The average costs to a community to revise/create a shoreland wetland ordinance (e.g., wetland map review, hearings, notices, meetings, staff time) is approximately \$1,000 per community.

The Department would need to work with each community during wetland map comment review, final wetland map preparation and ordinance revision and review. In addition the bill would require revisions to the Department's administrative rule covering shoreland wetland zoning for cities and villages (NR 117).

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Although Department staff would continue to provide technical assistance, oversight review and enforcement of ordinance provisions, the annual costs identified for ordinance revision would end after the 6th year.

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Note: For a more accurate fiscal estimate, the definition of "contiguous wetland" as proposed in this bill needs further clarification.

Local Ordinance Revisions/Creations

Ordinance revision costs:

Local government costs: \$1,000 (map review, hearings, notices, meetings, staff time) X 583 communities = \$583,000 / 6 years = \$97,167 per year.

State government costs: 40 hrs./ordinance X \$17,431 (WRZ Spec., Senior) = \$697 + fringe (37.6%) = \$959 X 583 communities = \$559,097/6 years = \$93,183/year (2.0 FTE/yr.). Publication of public notice for final wetland map decision: 583 communities X \$50/notice = \$29,150/6 years = \$4,858/year.

Administrative Rule Revision

State government costs: 450 hrs. X \$16,534 (PPA 5) = \$7,440 + fringe (37.6%) = \$10,237 (one-time cost).

Local and State government costs are averaged over 6 years, with the result shown as an annual cost because the initial shoreland/wetland mapping and ordinance adoption effort was specified to be completed over a 6 year period.

**FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET**

**1999 Session**

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect  
DOA-2047 (R10/94)

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Subject  
Requirement

**I. One-Time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):**  
Administrative Rule Revision = \$10,237

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$ 93,183	\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(2.0 FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	4,858	
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	\$ 98,041	\$ 0
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>	<b>Increased Costs</b>	<b>Decreased Costs</b>
GPR	\$	\$
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S	98,041	
<b>III. State Revenues:</b> Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	<b>Increased Rev.</b>	<b>Decreased Rev.</b>
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0

**NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT**

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ 98,041	\$ 97,167
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ 0	\$ 0

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