



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

Ninety-Seventh Regular Session

TUESDAY, August 30, 2005

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 05-044

Relating to food and dairy license and reinspection fees.
Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Report received from Agency, August 29, 2005.

To committee on **Agriculture**.

Referred on August 30, 2005.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

Assembly Bill 628

Relating to: the powers of tribal law enforcement officers under state law.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **State Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 629

Relating to: cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **State Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 630

Relating to: conservation wardens employed by the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Assembly Bill 631

Relating to: the creation of the Tribal Charter School Authorizing Board, the establishment of charter schools by the board, and making an appropriation.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **Education Reform**.

Assembly Bill 632

Relating to: voting by the members of the conservation congress.

By Representatives Mursau, Gronemus, Gard, Ainsworth, Ballweg, Gunderson, Hahn, Hines, Kaufert, LeMahieu, Lothian, Montgomery, Musser, Nass, Ott, Petrowski, Pridemore, Sheridan, Towns, Townsend and M. Williams; cosponsored by Senators Breske and Hansen.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Assembly Bill 633

Relating to: establishing a season for the hunting of deer while using a muzzle-loading firearm.

By Representatives Musser, Boyle, Hahn, Pridemore, F. Lasee and Townsend; cosponsored by Senator A. Lasee.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Assembly Bill 634

Relating to: computer or video games that are harmful to children.

By Representatives Pope-Roberts, Travis, Albers, Berceau, Fields, Gronemus, McCormick, Ott and Sheridan; cosponsored by Senators Miller, Roessler and Grothman.

To committee on **Criminal Justice and Homeland Security**.

Assembly Bill 635

Relating to: participation by certain persons who buy potatoes in the Agriculture Producer Security Program and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Ballweg, Molepske, Ott, Gronemus, Albers, Friske, Hines, Hundertmark, McCormick, Musser, Petrowski, Owens, Strachota and Vos; cosponsored by Senators Brown, Lassa, Breske and Hansen.

To committee on **Agriculture**.

Assembly Bill 636

Relating to: harassment restraining orders.

By Representatives Suder, Hundertmark, Bies, Vos, Musser, Albers, Hahn, Berceau, Fields, Shilling, Van Roy, Vruwink, Owens, Hines and Kreibich; cosponsored by Senators Roessler and A. Lasee.

To committee on **Criminal Justice and Homeland Security**.

Assembly Bill 637

Relating to: providing benefits to tribal schools and tribal school pupils similar to those provided to private schools and private school pupils and making an appropriation.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **Education**.

Assembly Bill 638

Relating to: providing state aid to tribal schools for certain pupils and making an appropriation.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **Education**.

Assembly Bill 639

Relating to: an exemption for certain tribal officials under the lobbying law.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To committee on **State Affairs**.

Assembly Bill 640

Relating to: creating a property tax exemption for real property owned by an American Indian tribe or band and used exclusively for a governmental purpose.

By Joint Legislative Council.

To joint survey committee on **Tax Exemptions**.

Assembly Bill 641

Relating to: creating a nonrefundable individual and corporate income tax credit based on interest received from bonds or notes issued by the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority for purposes related to an educational facility and authorizing the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority to issue bonds to finance a project undertaken by the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities related to an educational facility.

By Representatives Wieckert, Jensen, Nischke, McCormick, Musser, Vos, Van Roy, Townsend, Ballweg, Nass, Lothian, Jeskewitz, Hines, Ott and Vrakas; cosponsored by Senator A. Lasee.

To committee on **Colleges and Universities**.

Assembly Bill 642

Relating to: the tax rate for county sales and use taxes.

By Representatives Musser and Townsend.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 643

Relating to: intimidating a witness and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Kessler and Albers.

To committee on **Judiciary**.

Assembly Bill 644

Relating to: creating an income and franchise tax credit for sales taxes paid on services provided by a temporary help company.

By Representatives Wieckert, Gottlieb, Jensen, Gard, Kaufert, Wood, Kestell, Bies, Hundertmark, Gunderson, Musser, Hines, Nass, Van Roy, Pettis, Krawczyk, Nischke, Hahn, Kreibich, Vos, Strachota, Stone, Townsend, Albers, Owens, F. Lasee, Pridemore and Ballweg; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Reynolds, Lazich, Brown, Roessler, Kanavas and Grothman.

To committee on **Ways and Means**.

Assembly Bill 645

Relating to: repealing the comprehensive planning statute known as Smart Growth.

By Representatives M. Williams, Suder, Gronemus, Meyer, Wood, Musser, Ballweg, Petrowski and Owens; cosponsored by Senator Zien.

To committee on **Rural Development**.

Assembly Bill 646

Relating to: an income and franchise tax credit for the sales and use taxes paid on the purchase of tangible personal property used in farming.

By Representatives Ainsworth, Albers, Ballweg, Bies, Gronemus, Gunderson, Hines, F. Lasee, Loeffelholz, Musser, Nerison, Ott, Petrowski, Suder, Towns and Vos; cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee, Leibham, Olsen and Reynolds.

To committee on **Agriculture**.

Assembly Bill 647

Relating to: school policies on bullying.

By Representatives Jeskewitz, Kerkman, Lothian, Ott, Lehman, Fields, Davis, Owens, Townsend, Pope–Roberts and Turner; cosponsored by Senators Kedzie, Coggs, Carpenter, A. Lasee, Wirch, Brown, Zien, Roessler and Lassa..

To committee on **Education**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on **Aging and Long–Term Care** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 32

Relating to: the requirements for examinations for nursing home administrator licenses and for reciprocal nursing home administrator licenses, creating an exemption from such requirements, and granting rule–making authority.

Passage:

Ayes: 9 – Representatives Townsend, Hines, LeMahieu, Nischke, Strachota, Krusick, Vruwink, Pope–Roberts and Parisi.

Noes: 0.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

JOHN TOWNSEND

Chairperson

Committee on Aging and Long–Term Care

The committee on **Urban and Local Affairs** reports and recommends:

Assembly Bill 388

Relating to: establishing a state waterfront development program and creating a council on that program.

Assembly Amendment 1 adoption:

Ayes: 7 – Representatives LeMahieu, Pridemore, Lothian, Gottlieb, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.

Noes: 0.

Passage as amended:

Ayes: 7 – Representatives LeMahieu, Pridemore, Lothian,
Gottlieb, Berceau, Fields and Parisi.
Noes: 0.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

DANIEL LEMAHIEU
Chairperson
Committee on Urban and Local Affairs

COMMUNICATIONS

August 18, 2005

Patrick Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk
Risser Justice Center, Suite 208

Dear Mr. Fuller:

Please remove my name from the list of co-sponsors for
Assembly Bill 587.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Most sincerely,
FRED A. RISSER
State Senator

August 25, 2005

Patrick Fuller, Chief Clerk
Assembly Chief Clerk's Office
17 West Main St
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Chief Fuller:

Please add me as a co-sponsor to Assembly Bill (AB) 280,
relating to the expungement of misdemeanors.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
RON BROWN
State Senator
31st District

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Public Instruction
Madison

August 29, 2005

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Enclosed is a copy of the "Legislative Report on Video
Cameras on School Buses and Training of Bus and

Alternative Vehicle Operators" as required by Section 30(4)
of 2003 Wisconsin Act 280. The report is submitted to you as
required by sec. 13.172(2), Wis. Stats.

Sincerely,
ELIZABETH BURMASTER
State Superintendent

Referred to committee on **Transportation**.

State of Wisconsin
Groundwater Coordinating Council
Madison

August 2005

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The Groundwater Coordinating Council (GCC) is pleased to
release its 2005 Report to the Legislature. The GCC was
formed in 1984 to help state agencies coordinate
non-regulatory activities and exchange information on
groundwater. For the past 20 years, the GCC has served as a
model for interagency coordination and cooperation among
state agencies, the Governor, local and federal government,
and the university. It is one of the few groups in the nation to
effectively coordinate groundwater activities in its state from
an advisory position.

This report summarizes GCC and agency activities related to
groundwater protection and management in FY 05 (July 1,
2004 to June 30, 2005) and provides an overview of the
condition of the groundwater resource. See the Executive
Summary for highlights and the GCC's recommendations in
Future Directions for Groundwater Protection. The full report
is available online at
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/gcc/rtl/gccreport.htm>.

Highlights of the State's groundwater protection activities
this past year include:

- Organizing the first meetings of the Groundwater
Advisory Committee and taking steps to begin
implementation of the new groundwater legislation 2003
Wisconsin Act 310;
- Completion of source water assessments for all 11,500
public water supply systems in Wisconsin;
- Incorporation of Wisconsin's groundwater monitoring
strategy, including both quantity and quality needs, into the
state's water monitoring plan;
- Developing a Groundwater Information Network email
list to share information with a broad range of agencies and
organizations interested or involved in groundwater
education;
- Continued efforts through participation in teacher
workshops, a groundwater festival for students, Farm
Technology Days, county groundwater programs and other
opportunities to share with others the importance of
protecting groundwater.

We hope you will find this report to be a useful reference in protecting Wisconsin's valuable groundwater resource.

Sincerely,
TODD AMBS
Chair
Groundwater Coordinating Council

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

August 30, 2005

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the Hunter Education Program, which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Participation in hunter education is required for anyone who wishes to purchase a hunting license and was born on or after January 1, 1973. In 2004, 3,328 volunteer instructors and 47 wardens, some of whom were paid to teach, provided hunter education to 33,476 students, mostly children.

In fiscal year (FY) 2004-05, DNR spent \$1.2 million to administer the Hunter Education Program. Approximately one-half of these costs were for the salaries and fringe benefits associated with 9.6 full-time equivalent employees who recruit and train volunteer instructors and students and provide administrative program support. The remainder was primarily for course materials and reimbursement of allowable instructor expenses. We identified no serious concern with the instructor reimbursement process.

Although a decline has been perceived in the number of volunteer instructors and students, we found increases in the number of volunteer instructors who taught at least one course, the number of courses held, and the number of students who successfully completed the program from 2000 to 2004. The number of hours DNR staff spent on hunter education also increased substantially in FY 2004-05, but not because additional wardens taught courses on paid time. Instead, more DNR staff time was spent on its public relations efforts and to reimburse volunteer instructors for allowable expenses.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DNR and the instructors we contacted during our review.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor