



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 59

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 59 provides that no political subdivision (city, village, town, or county) may enact a zoning ordinance that prohibits forestry operations that are in accordance with generally accepted forestry management practices. The bill also provides that a forestry operation may not be declared a nuisance if the forestry operation conforms to generally accepted forestry management practices. Under the bill, a forestry operation that conforms to generally accepted forestry management practices is not a nuisance as a result of any of the following:

- Change in ownership or size of a forest.
- Cessation or interruption of forestry operations.
- Enrollment of all or part of the forest in governmental forestry or conservation programs.
- Adoption of new forestry technology.

The bill defines “generally accepted forestry management practices” as practices that promote sound management of a forest, as determined by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by rule.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that the rule promulgated by the DNR to define generally accepted forestry management practices may incorporate by reference the most recent version of the department’s publication known as Wisconsin Forest Management Guidelines and identified as Publication Number PUB-FR-226.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Forestry. The committee recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0 and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by the same vote.