



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Senate Bill 161

**Senate Substitute Amendment 1
and Senate Amendment 1 to
Senate Substitute Amendment 1**

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2011 Senate Bill 161 was introduced by the Joint Legislative Council, upon the recommendation of its Special Committee on Review of the Managed Forest Land Program. The bill makes various changes to the Managed Forest Land program, including changes to the taxation of land enrolled in the program and the distribution of the revenues from such taxes.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 161 makes largely technical changes to ensure that the distribution of tax revenues derived from managed forest land is distributed as the Special Committee had intended.

Under *current law*, land enrolled in the Managed Forest Land Program is subject to mandatory forestry management standards and practices. As an exception to this requirement, current law allows the owner of managed forest land to cut firewood for use as fuel in the owner's dwelling. *Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1* creates a second exception, allowing the owner of managed forest land to give, without compensation, up to 20 cords of wood to another person for use as fuel in that person's dwelling.

Legislative History

On February 23, 2012, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1, adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1, as amended, and passage of Senate Bill 161, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 7; and Noes, 0.

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