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1985 Wisconsin Act 327

AN ACT to affect laws of 1973, chapter 76, sections 1 and 3; and laws of 1973, chapter 76, section 6, relating to uses of certain lands, partly submerged in Lake Michigan, by the city of Milwaukee.

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

SECTION 1. Laws of 1973, chapter 76, sections 1 and 3 are amended to read:

(Laws of 1973, chapter 76) Section 1. All the right, title and interest of the state of Wisconsin in the lands hereinafter described, whether any part or parcel thereof may be, at the time of the passage and publication of this act, dry or submerged under the waters of Lake Michigan are hereby ceded, granted and confirmed to the city of Milwaukee, a municipal corporation, for the purpose of improving, filling, and utilizing the same in aid of navigation and the fisheries and in addition for such further and other use which the board of harbor commissioners of the city of Milwaukee may deem appropriate and expedient and

which the common council approves by resolution including, but not limited to, recreational or cultural uses and activities. Such land shall also be used for the purpose of establishing and maintaining thereon breakwaters, bulkheads, piers, wharves, warehouses, transfer sheds, railway tracks, airports, and other harbor facilities, together with such other uses not inconsistent with the improvement of navigation and fisheries in Lake Michigan, and the navigable waters tributary thereto, as the city may deem expedient.

Section 3. The city of Milwaukee, shall not convey any portion or the whole of the lands so granted, ceded and confirmed, and described in SECTION 2 of this act, to any other party, either by warranty deed, quit claim, or in any other manner, except that it may convey to the government of the United States such

portion thereof as may be desirable for the promotion of navigation; and it may also convey lands to any harbor district or other public corporation that may hereafter be organized, under any law of this state, for the purpose of maintaining and operating a public port; and it may further lease for an initial term not exceeding 30 years, such particular parcels or portions thereof as the board of harbor commissioners considers advisable, to parties desiring to employ such leased portions and parcels in a manner determined by the board of harbor commissioners to be for the best interests of port and harbor development or deter-

mined by the board of harbor commissioners to be compatible with the authorized uses under SECTION 1 of this act.

SECTION 2. Laws of 1973, chapter 76, section 6 is created to read:

(Laws of 1973, chapter 76) Section 6. The city of Milwaukee and any grantee or lessee under SECTION 3 of this act shall provide a reasonably direct route to the shore of Lake Michigan to allow handicapped and elderly people to fish, engage in recreational activities and exercise all other public rights to use and enjoy the lands described in SECTION 2 of this act.
