



**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,
TO 1997 SENATE BILL 373**

February 12, 1998 - Offered by Senators COWLES, RUDE and WELCH.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** a study for a bluff protection program.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

3 (1) The department of natural resources shall conduct a study on the damage,
4 destruction and protection of bluffs and on the feasibility of establishing a program
5 for bluff protection. In conducting the study, the department shall do all of the
6 following:

7 (a) Study natural forces that cause erosion, recession or destruction of bluffs
8 and identify bluffs where those natural forces threaten public or private property or
9 limit the potential for development of public or private property.

10 (b) Study the attributes of bluffs, including biological diversity, recreational
11 potential and aesthetic values, that warrant special protection and identify bluffs
12 that exhibit those attributes.

1 (c) Study the factors that lead to the loss of aesthetic values of bluffs and
2 identify bluffs where those factors threaten the loss of aesthetic values.

3 (2) No later than December 31, 1999, the department of natural resources shall
4 submit a report to the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing
5 committees in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes that
6 summarizes the findings and conclusions of the study and that makes
7 recommendations for legislation. The report shall include all of the following:

8 (a) Information regarding the location of bluffs where erosion, recession or
9 destruction threaten public or private property or limit the potential for development
10 of public or private property, where the attributes warranting special protection are
11 exhibited or where development or other factors threaten the loss of the aesthetic
12 values.

13 (b) Recommendations for directing development away from bluffs where
14 erosion, recession or destruction threaten public or private property or limit the
15 potential for development of public or private property, where the attributes
16 warranting special protection are exhibited or where development or other factors
17 threaten the loss of aesthetic values.

18 (c) A recommendation for a definition of "bluff" for purposes of any program
19 that may be established to protect bluffs.

20 (END)