



**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 323**

October 14, 2003 - Offered by Representative FRISKE.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 77.82 (2m) (c); *to renumber and amend* 26.97, 77.82 (2m) (d),  
2           77.82 (7) (c), 77.88 (2) (d), 77.89 (2) and 77.89 (3); *to amend* 20.370 (1) (cr), 74.25  
3           (1) (a) 6., 74.25 (1) (a) 8., 74.30 (1) (f), 74.30 (1) (h), 75.35 (2) (f) 3., 75.36 (3) (b),  
4           77.81 (4), 77.82 (2m) (a), 77.82 (2m) (b), 77.82 (2m) (e), 77.82 (3) (c) (intro.), 77.82  
5           (3) (c) 6., 77.82 (4), 77.82 (7) (c) 2., 77.82 (8), 77.82 (12), 77.82 (12), 77.83 (1) (a)  
6           1., 77.84 (2) (a), 77.84 (2) (b), 77.84 (3) (b), 77.87 (3), 77.88 (1) (a), 77.88 (1) (c),  
7           77.88 (2) (am), 77.88 (2) (b), 77.88 (2) (c), 77.88 (2) (f), 77.88 (3), 77.88 (4), 77.88  
8           (5) (a) 1., 77.88 (5) (a) 2., 77.88 (5) (b) 1., 77.88 (5) (b) 2., 77.88 (7), 77.88 (8) and  
9           77.89 (1); *to repeal and recreate* 77.82 (2m) (b); and *to create* 15.07 (1) (b)  
10          23., 15.07 (2) (m), 15.345 (6), 20.370 (1) (cw), 20.370 (1) (cx), 26.97 (2), 77.82 (2)  
11          (cm), 77.82 (2m) (d) 2., 77.82 (2m) (dm), 77.82 (3) (g), 77.82 (4g), 77.82 (7) (c) 2.,  
12          77.82 (7) (c) 3., 77.83 (1m), 77.84 (2) (am), 77.84 (2) (bm), 77.84 (2) (cm), 77.87  
13          (1g), 77.876, 77.88 (1) (am), 77.88 (2) (d) 2., 77.88 (3m), 77.88 (5m) and 77.895

1 of the statutes; **relating to:** the Managed Forest Land Program, creating a  
2 managed forest land board, providing funding for grants for land acquisition for  
3 certain outdoor activities, allowing managed forest land to be located in cities,  
4 requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and making appropriations.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 15.07 (1) (b) 23. of the statutes is created to read:

6 15.07 (1) (b) 23. The managed forest land board.

7 **SECTION 2.** 15.07 (2) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

8 15.07 (2) (m) The member appointed under s. 15.345 (6) (a) 2. shall serve as  
9 chairperson of the managed forest land board.

10 **SECTION 3.** 15.345 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

11 15.345 (6) MANAGED FOREST LAND BOARD. (a) There is created in the department  
12 of natural resources a managed forest land board consisting of:

13 1. The chief state forester or his or her designee.

14 2. One member appointed from a list of 5 nominees submitted by the Wisconsin  
15 Counties Association.

16 3. One member appointed from a list of 5 nominees submitted by the Wisconsin  
17 Towns Association.

18 4. One member appointed from a list of 5 nominees submitted by an association  
19 that represents the interests of counties that have county forests within their  
20 boundaries.

21 5. One member appointed from a list of 5 nominees submitted by the council  
22 on forestry.

23 **SECTION 4.** 20.370 (1) (cr) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           20.370 (1) (cr) *Forestry — recording fees.* All moneys received under ss. 77.82  
2           (2m) (d) and (4) and 77.88 (2) (d) for the payment of fees to the registers of deeds under  
3           s. 77.91 (5).

4           **SECTION 5.** 20.370 (1) (cw) of the statutes is created to read:

5           20.370 (1) (cw) *Forestry — outdoor activity grants.* All moneys received under  
6           s. 77.84 (2) (b) and (bm) for grants awarded by the managed forest land board under  
7           s. 77.895.

8           **SECTION 6.** 20.370 (1) (cx) of the statutes is created to read:

9           20.370 (1) (cx) *Forestry — management plans.* All moneys received under s.  
10          77.82 (2m) (dm) for payment for management plans prepared by plan writers who  
11          are under contract with the department under s. 77.82 (3).

12          **SECTION 7.** 26.97 of the statutes is renumbered 26.97 (1), and 26.97 (1) (b), as  
13          renumbered, is amended to read:

14          26.97 (1) (b) Arrest a person, with or without a warrant, whom the ranger,  
15          chairperson, warden or deputy has reason to believe is committing or has committed  
16          a violation of a statutory provision specified under ~~sub. (1)~~ par. (a).

17          **SECTION 8.** 26.97 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

18          26.97 (2) A state forest ranger, conservation warden, or other duly appointed  
19          deputy may do any of the following:

20               (a) Arrest a person, with or without a warrant, when the person is detected  
21               actually committing a violation of subch. VI of ch. 77.

22               (b) Arrest a person, with or without a warrant, whom the ranger, warden, or  
23               deputy has reason to believe is committing or has committed a violation of subch. VI  
24               of ch. 77.

1 (c) Take the arrested person before the circuit court for the county where the  
2 violation occurred and make a proper complaint.

3 (d) Execute and serve any warrant or process in the same manner as any  
4 constable.

5 **SECTION 9.** 74.25 (1) (a) 6. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 74.25 (1) (a) 6. Pay to the county treasurer 20% of collections of occupational  
7 taxes on coal docks, 20% of collections of the taxes imposed under ss. 77.04 and 77.84  
8 (2) (a) and (am) and all collections of payments for closed lands under s. 77.84 (2) (b)  
9 and (bm).

10 **SECTION 10.** 74.25 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 74.25 (1) (a) 8. Retain for the taxation district all woodland tax law collections  
12 under s. 77.16 and 80% of collections of the taxes imposed under ss. 77.04 and 77.84  
13 (2) (a) and (am).

14 **SECTION 11.** 74.30 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 74.30 (1) (f) Pay to the county treasurer 20% of collections of occupational taxes  
16 on coal docks, 20% of collections of the taxes imposed under ss. 77.04 and 77.84 (2)  
17 (a) and (am) and all collections of payments for closed lands under s. 77.84 (2) (b) and  
18 (bm).

19 **SECTION 12.** 74.30 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 74.30 (1) (h) Retain for the taxation district all woodland tax law collections  
21 under s. 77.16 and 80% of collections of the taxes imposed under ss. 77.04 and 77.84  
22 (2) (a) and (am).

23 **SECTION 13.** 75.35 (2) (f) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 75.35 (2) (f) 3. Any withdrawal tax or withdrawal fee due under s. 77.84 (3) (b).

25 **SECTION 14.** 75.36 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           75.36 (3) (b) From the net proceeds of the sale of the property, as determined  
2 under par. (a), first pay any withdrawal tax and withdrawal fee due under s. 77.84  
3 (3) (b) and then pay to taxing jurisdictions all special assessments and special  
4 charges to which the property is subject, including interest and any penalties  
5 imposed under s. 74.47. If the net proceeds are not sufficient to pay all outstanding  
6 amounts due, the net proceeds shall be prorated to each taxing jurisdiction based  
7 upon the ratio that the amount of all special assessments and special charges due  
8 that taxing jurisdiction bears to the amount of all special assessments and special  
9 charges levied against the property sold, including interest and any penalties  
10 imposed under s. 74.47. Amounts payable under this paragraph shall be paid to the  
11 taxing jurisdiction within 15 days after the last day of the month in which sale  
12 proceeds become available to the county.

13           **SECTION 15.** 77.81 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

14           77.81 (4) “Municipality” means a town ~~or~~, village, or city.

15           **SECTION 16.** 77.82 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

16           77.82 (2) (cm) A copy of an instrument that has been recorded in the office of  
17 the register of deeds of the county in which the property is located that shows the  
18 ownership of the land subject to the petition.

19           **SECTION 17.** 77.82 (2m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           77.82 (2m) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), a petition under sub. (2) ~~or~~, (4m),  
21 or (12) shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of \$100 \$300.

22           **SECTION 18.** 77.82 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           77.82 (2m) (b) If the petition under sub. (2), (4m), or (12) is accompanied by a  
24 proposed management plan as provided in par. (c), the nonrefundable application fee  
25 shall be \$10 \$20 unless a different amount for the fee is established by the

1 department by rule at an amount equal to the average expense to the department of  
2 recording an order issued under this subchapter.

3 **SECTION 19.** 77.82 (2m) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act  
4 .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

5 77.82 **(2m)** (b) If the petition under sub. (2), (4m), or (12) is accompanied by a  
6 management plan, the nonrefundable application fee shall be \$20 unless a different  
7 amount for the fee is established by the department by rule at an amount equal to  
8 the average expense to the department of recording an order issued under this  
9 subchapter.

10 **SECTION 20.** 77.82 (2m) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 21.** 77.82 (2m) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 77.82 (2m) (d) 1. and  
12 amended to read:

13 77.82 **(2m)** (d) 1. ~~All the fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited~~  
14 ~~in the conservation fund. The~~ All of the fees collected under par. (b) and ~~\$10~~ \$20 of  
15 each ~~\$100~~ \$300 fee collected under par. (a) shall be credited to the appropriation  
16 under s. 20.370 (1) (cr), except as provided under subd. 2.

17 **SECTION 22.** 77.82 (2m) (d) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

18 77.82 **(2m)** (d) 2. The department may establish by rule a different amount of  
19 each \$300 fee under subd. 1. that will be credited to the appropriation under s. 20.370  
20 (1) (cr). The amount shall be equal to the average expense to the department of  
21 recording an order issued under this subchapter.

22 **SECTION 23.** 77.82 (2m) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

23 77.82 **(2m)** (dm) The fees collected under pars. (a) and (e) that are not credited  
24 to the appropriation under s. 20.370 (1) (cr) shall be credited to the appropriation  
25 under s. 20.370 (1) (cx).

1           **SECTION 24.** 77.82 (2m) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           77.82 **(2m)** (e) If ~~the proposed a~~ management plan accompanying a petition  
3 filed under sub. (2), (4m), or (12) is not approved by the department under its initial  
4 review under sub. (3) (a), the department shall collect from the petitioner a fee in an  
5 amount equal to ~~\$100~~ \$300 less the amount the petitioner paid under par. (e) ~~(b)~~.

6           **SECTION 25.** 77.82 (3) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           77.82 **(3)** (c) (intro.) To qualify for approval, a management plan shall be  
8 prepared by a plan writer certified by the department or prepared by the department  
9 itself and shall include all of the following:

10          **SECTION 26.** 77.82 (3) (c) 6. of the statutes is amended to read:

11          77.82 **(3)** (c) 6. A description of the forestry practices, including harvesting,  
12 thinning and reforestation, that will be undertaken during the term of the order,  
13 specifying the period of time in which each is ~~intended to~~ will be completed.

14          **SECTION 27.** 77.82 (3) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

15          77.82 **(3)** (g) The department shall promulgate rules specifying the  
16 qualifications that a person must satisfy to become a certified plan writer. For  
17 management plans prepared by the department under this subsection, the  
18 department may contract with plan writers certified by the department to prepare  
19 these plans.

20          **SECTION 28.** 77.82 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

21          77.82 **(4)** ADDITIONS TO MANAGED FOREST LAND. An owner of land that is  
22 designated as managed forest land under an order that takes effect on or after the  
23 effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date], may petition the  
24 department to designate as managed forest land an additional parcel of land in the  
25 same municipality if the additional parcel is at least 3 acres in size and is contiguous

1 to any of the owner's that designated land. The petition shall be accompanied by a  
2 nonrefundable \$10 \$20 application fee unless a different amount of for the fee is  
3 established ~~in the same manner as the fee under sub. (2m) (b)~~ by the department by  
4 rule at an amount equal to the average expense to the department of recording an  
5 order issued under this subchapter. The fee shall be deposited ~~in the conservation~~  
6 ~~fund and~~ credited to the appropriation under s. 20.370 (1) (cr). The petition shall be  
7 ~~submitted~~ filed on a department form and shall contain any additional information  
8 required by the department.

9 **SECTION 29.** 77.82 (4g) of the statutes is created to read:

10 77.82 (4g) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL MANAGED FOREST LAND FOR CERTAIN  
11 OWNERS. (a) If an owner of land that is designated as managed forest land under an  
12 order that takes effect before the effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts  
13 date], wishes to have an additional parcel of land that is at least 10 acres in size and  
14 that satisfies the other requirements in sub. (1) designated as managed forest land,  
15 the owner may petition the department under sub. (2) for a new order covering the  
16 additional land.

17 (b) If an owner of land that is designated as managed forest land under an order  
18 that takes effect before the effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date],  
19 wishes to have designated as managed forest land an additional parcel of land that  
20 is in the same municipality, that is at least 3 acres in size, that does not satisfy the  
21 requirements in sub. (1), and that is contiguous to any of that designated land, the  
22 owner may withdraw the designated land and may petition the department under  
23 sub. (2) for a new order covering both the withdrawn land and the additional land.  
24 The withdrawal tax and the withdrawal fee under s. 77.88 (5) and (6) do not apply  
25 to a withdrawal under this paragraph.



1           **SECTION 30.** 77.82 (7) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 77.82 (7) (c) 1. and  
2 amended to read:

3           77.82 (7) (c) 1. Except as provided in par. (d), if a petition is received on or before  
4 ~~January 31 of any year from a petitioner who owns less than 1,000 acres in this state~~  
5 ~~or on or before March 31 of any year from any other petitioner~~ other than a petitioner  
6 who owns less than 1,000 acres in this state, the department shall investigate and  
7 shall either approve the petition and issue the order under sub. (8) or deny the  
8 petition ~~on or~~ before the following November 21.

9           **SECTION 31.** 77.82 (7) (c) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

10          77.82 (7) (c) 2. Except as provided in par. (d), if a petition is received on or before  
11 July 1 of any year from a petitioner who owns less than 1,000 acres in this state, the  
12 department shall investigate and shall either approve the petition and issue the  
13 order under sub. (8) or deny the petition before November 21 of the year following  
14 the year in which the petition is received.

15          **SECTION 32.** 77.82 (7) (c) 2. of the statutes, as created by 2003 Wisconsin Act  
16 .... (this act), is amended to read:

17          77.82 (7) (c) 2. Except as provided in subd. 3. or par. (d), if a petition is received  
18 on or before July 1 of any year from a petitioner who owns less than 1,000 acres in  
19 this state, the department shall investigate and shall either approve the petition and  
20 issue the order under sub. (8) or deny the petition before November 21 of the year  
21 following the year in which the petition is received.

22          **SECTION 33.** 77.82 (7) (c) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

23          77.82 (7) (c) 3. Except as provided in par. (d), if a petition is received on or before  
24 May 15 of any year from a petitioner who owns less than 1,000 acres in this state,  
25 who, before the deadline established by the department by rule, submitted a draft

1 management plan prepared by a plan writer certified by the department, and who  
2 submits a completed plan, as defined by the department by rule, with the petition,  
3 the department shall investigate and shall either approve the petition and issue the  
4 order under sub. (8) or deny the petition before the following November 21.

5 **SECTION 34.** 77.82 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 77.82 (8) ORDER. If a petition under sub. (2) ~~or~~, (4m), or (12) is approved, the  
7 department shall issue an order designating the land as managed forest land for the  
8 time period specified in the petition. If a petition under sub. (4) is approved, the  
9 department shall amend the original order to include the additional parcel. The  
10 department shall provide the petitioner with a copy of the order or amended order  
11 and shall also file a copy with the department of revenue, the supervisor of  
12 assessments and the clerk of the municipality, and shall record the order with the  
13 register of deeds in the county, in which the land is located.

14 **SECTION 35.** 77.82 (12) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 77.82 (12) RENEWAL. ~~The department shall notify each owner of managed forest~~  
16 ~~land of the expiration date of an order no later than the January 31 preceding the~~  
17 ~~expiration date. The~~ An owner of managed forest land may petition the department  
18 under sub. (2) for renewal of the order. The A petition filed by an owner of 1,000 acres  
19 or more in this state shall be filed no later than the March 31 and before the  
20 expiration date of the order. A petition filed by an owner of less than 1,000 acres in  
21 this state shall be filed no later than the 2nd July 1 before the expiration date of the  
22 order. The petition shall specify whether the owner wants the order renewed for 25  
23 or 50 years. ~~The notice and hearing provisions under subs. (5) and, (6), and (7) do~~  
24 not apply to a petition under this subsection. The department may deny the petition  
25 only if the land fails to meet the eligibility requirements under sub. (1), if the owner

1 has failed to comply with the management plan that is in effect on the date that the  
2 petition for renewal is filed, or if there are delinquent taxes on the land. If the  
3 petition is denied, the department shall state the reason for the denial in writing.

4 **SECTION 36.** 77.82 (12) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act ...  
5 (this act), is amended to read:

6 77.82 (12) RENEWAL. An owner of managed forest land may petition the  
7 department under sub. (2) for renewal of the order. A petition filed by an owner of  
8 1,000 acres or more in this state shall be filed no later than the March 31 before the  
9 expiration date of the order. A petition filed by an owner of less than 1,000 acres in  
10 this state shall be filed no later than the 2nd July 1 before the expiration date of the  
11 order, except that if the owner satisfies the requirement in sub. (7) (c) 3., the petition  
12 shall be filed no later than the May 15 before the expiration date of the order. The  
13 petition shall specify whether the owner wants the order renewed for 25 or 50 years.  
14 The provisions under subs. (5), (6), and (7) do not apply to a petition under this  
15 subsection. The department may deny the petition only if the land fails to meet the  
16 eligibility requirements under sub. (1), if the owner has failed to comply with the  
17 management plan that is in effect on the date that the petition for renewal is filed,  
18 or if there are delinquent taxes on the land. If the petition is denied, the department  
19 shall state the reason for the denial in writing.

20 **SECTION 37.** 77.83 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 77.83 (1) (a) 1. A maximum of ~~80~~ 160 acres in the municipality, of which not  
22 more than 80 acres may be land designated as managed forest land before the  
23 effective date of this subdivision .... [revisor inserts date].

24 **SECTION 38.** 77.83 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

1           77.83 (1m) MODIFICATION OF DESIGNATION. For a managed forest land order that  
2 takes effect on or after the effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date],  
3 the owner of the managed forest land may modify the designation of a closed or open  
4 area one time during the term of the order. For a managed forest land order that  
5 takes effect before the effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date], the  
6 owner of the managed forest land may modify the designation of a closed or open area  
7 one time during the period beginning with the effective date of this subsection ....  
8 [revisor inserts date], and ending with the expiration date of the order, regardless of  
9 whether the owner has previously modified the designation as authorized by rules  
10 promulgated by the department.

11           **SECTION 39.** 77.84 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           77.84 (2) (a) ~~Each~~ For managed forest land orders that take effect before the  
13 effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], each owner of managed  
14 forest land shall pay to the municipal treasurer an acreage share of 74 cents per acre  
15 on or before January 31.

16           **SECTION 40.** 77.84 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

17           77.84 (2) (am) For managed forest land orders that take effect on or after the  
18 effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], each owner of managed  
19 forest land shall pay to the municipal treasurer, on or before January 31, an amount  
20 that is equal to 5 percent of the average statewide property tax per acre of property  
21 classified under s. 70.32 (2) (a) 6., as determined under par. (cm), for each acre of  
22 managed forest land.

23           **SECTION 41.** 77.84 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           77.84 (2) (b) ~~In~~ For managed forest land orders that take effect before the  
25 effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], in addition to the payment

1 under par. (a), each owner shall pay \$1 for each acre that is designated as closed  
2 under s. 77.83. The payment shall be made to the municipal treasurer on or before  
3 January 31.

4 **SECTION 42.** 77.84 (2) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

5 77.84 (2) (bm) For managed forest land orders that take effect on or after the  
6 effective date of this paragraph .... [revisor inserts date], in addition to the payment  
7 under par. (am), each owner of managed forest land shall pay to the municipal  
8 treasurer, on or before January 31, an amount that is equal to 20 percent of the  
9 average statewide property tax per acre of property classified under s. 70.32 (2) (a)  
10 6., as determined under par. (cm), for each acre that is designated as closed under  
11 s. 77.83.

12 **SECTION 43.** 77.84 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

13 77.84 (2) (cm) For purposes of determining the per acre amounts under pars.  
14 (am) and (bm), in the year in which this paragraph takes effect .... [revisor inserts  
15 date], and in 2007 and each 5th year thereafter, the department of revenue shall  
16 determine the average statewide tax per acre of property classified under s. 70.32 (2)  
17 (a) 6. by multiplying the average equalized value of property classified under s. 70.32  
18 (2) (a) 6., as determined under s. 70.57, by the average tax rate determined under s.  
19 76.126.

20 **SECTION 44.** 77.84 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 77.84 (3) (b) Immediately after receiving the certification of the county clerk  
22 that a tax deed has been taken, the department shall issue an order withdrawing the  
23 land as managed forest land. The notice requirement under s. 77.88 (1) does not  
24 apply to the department's action under this paragraph. The department shall notify  
25 the county treasurer of the amount of the withdrawal fee under s. 77.88 (5m) and the

1 withdrawal tax, as determined under s. 77.88 (5), ~~and the.~~ The amount of the tax and  
2 the assessment shall be payable to the department under s. 75.36 (3) if the property  
3 is sold by the county. ~~The amount shall be credited to the conservation fund.~~

4 **SECTION 45.** 77.87 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

5 77.87 (1g) EXEMPTION. For a managed forest land order that takes effect on or  
6 after the effective date of this subsection ... [revisor inserts date], the owner of the  
7 managed forest land is exempt from payment of the yield tax under sub. (1) for the  
8 first 5 years of the managed forest land order. The exemption under this subsection  
9 does not apply to managed forest land converted pursuant to a petition approved  
10 under s. 77.82 (7) (d) or to a renewal of managed forest land order under s. 77.82 (12).

11 **SECTION 46.** 77.87 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 77.87 (3) PAYMENT. A tax assessed under sub. (1) or (2) is due and payable to  
13 the department on the last day of the month following the date the certificate is  
14 mailed to the owner. The department shall collect interest at the rate of 12% per year  
15 on any tax that is paid later than the due date. ~~Amounts received shall be credited~~  
16 ~~to the conservation fund.~~

17 **SECTION 47.** 77.876 of the statutes is created to read:

18 **77.876 Noncompliance assessment. (1) ASSESSMENT.** The department shall  
19 certify to the municipality in which the property is located an owner's failure to  
20 complete a forestry practice during the period of time required under an applicable  
21 management plan, and the municipality shall impose a noncompliance assessment  
22 of \$250 against the owner for each failure. The department shall mail a copy of the  
23 certificate of assessment to the owner at the owner's last-known address and to the  
24 municipality.

1           **(2) PAYMENT.** An assessment under sub. (1) is due and payable to the  
2           municipality on the last day of the month following the date the certificate is mailed  
3           to the owner. The municipality shall collect interest at the rate of 12 percent per year  
4           on any assessment that is paid later than the due date.

5           **(3) OWNER'S LIABILITY.** The owner is personally liable for an assessment under  
6           sub. (1). An unpaid assessment becomes a lien against the merchantable timber cut.  
7           If the merchantable timber cut is mingled with other wood products, the unpaid  
8           assessment becomes a lien against all of the wood products while they are in the  
9           owner's possession or in the possession of any person other than a purchaser for  
10          value without notice in the usual course of business.

11          **(4) DELINQUENCY.** If an assessment due under sub. (1) is not paid on or before  
12          the last day of the August following the date specified under sub. (2), the  
13          municipality shall certify to the taxation district clerk the description of the land and  
14          the amount due for the assessment and interest. The taxation district clerk shall  
15          enter the delinquent amount on the property tax roll as a special charge.

16          **SECTION 48.** 77.88 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17          77.88 **(1)** (a) The department may, at the request of the owner of managed forest  
18          land or of the governing body of the municipality in which any managed forest land  
19          is located, or at its own discretion, investigate to determine whether the designation  
20          as managed forest land should be withdrawn. The Except as provided in par. (am),  
21          the department shall notify the owner of the land and the mayor of the city, the  
22          chairperson of the town, or the president of the village in which the land is located  
23          of the investigation.

24          **SECTION 49.** 77.88 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

1           77.88 (1) (am) If a city or village is organized under subch. I of ch. 64, the  
2 department shall notify the president of the city council or village board of any  
3 investigation under par. (a).

4           **SECTION 50.** 77.88 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           77.88 (1) (c) If the department determines that land should be withdrawn, it  
6 shall issue an order withdrawing the land as managed forest land and shall assess  
7 against the owner the tax under sub. (5) and the withdrawal fee under sub. (5m).

8           **SECTION 51.** 77.88 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           77.88 (2) (am) If the land transferred under par. (a) does not meet the eligibility  
10 requirements under s. 77.82 (1), the department shall issue an order withdrawing  
11 the land from managed forest land designation and shall assess against the owner  
12 a withdrawal tax under sub. (5) and the withdrawal fee under sub. (5m).

13           **SECTION 52.** 77.88 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14           77.88 (2) (b) If the land remaining after a transfer under par. (a) is contiguous  
15 and meets the eligibility requirements under s. 77.82 (1) (a) 2. and (b), it shall  
16 continue to be designated as managed forest land until the expiration of the existing  
17 order, even if the parcel contains less than 10 acres. Notwithstanding s. 77.82 (12),  
18 an owner may not petition the department for renewal of the order if the parcel  
19 contains less than 10 acres. No withdrawal tax under sub. (5) or withdrawal fee  
20 under sub. (5m) may be assessed when the remaining land is withdrawn at the  
21 expiration of the order.

22           **SECTION 53.** 77.88 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           77.88 (2) (c) If the remaining land does not meet the eligibility requirements  
24 under s. 77.82 (1) (a) 2. and (b), the department shall issue an order withdrawing the  
25 land and shall assess against the owner the withdrawal tax under sub. (5) and the



1 withdrawal fee under sub. (5m). Notwithstanding s. 77.90, the owner is not entitled  
2 to a hearing on an order withdrawing land under this paragraph.

3 **SECTION 54.** 77.88 (2) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 77.88 (2) (d) 1. and  
4 amended to read:

5 77.88 (2) (d) 1. Within 10 days after a transfer of ownership, the former owner  
6 shall, on a form provided by the department, file with the department a report of the  
7 transfer signed by the former owner and the transferee. The report shall be  
8 accompanied by a ~~\$20~~ \$100 fee ~~which shall be deposited in the conservation fund and~~  
9 Twenty dollars of the fee or a different amount of the fee as may be established under  
10 subd. 2. shall be credited to the appropriation under s. 20.370 (1) (cr). The  
11 department shall immediately notify each person entitled to notice under s. 77.82 (8).

12 **SECTION 55.** 77.88 (2) (d) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

13 77.88 (2) (d) 2. The department may establish by rule a different amount of  
14 each fee under subd. 1. that will be credited to the appropriation under s. 20.370 (1)  
15 (cr). The amount shall be equal to the average expense to the department of  
16 recording an order issued under this subchapter.

17 **SECTION 56.** 77.88 (2) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 77.88 (2) (f) If the transferee does not provide the department with the  
19 certification required under par. (e), the department shall issue an order  
20 withdrawing the land and shall assess against the transferee the withdrawal tax  
21 under sub. (5) and the withdrawal fee under sub. (5m). Notwithstanding s. 77.90,  
22 the transferee is not entitled to a hearing on an order withdrawing land under this  
23 paragraph.

24 **SECTION 57.** 77.88 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           77.88 (3) VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL. An owner may request that the department  
2 withdraw all or any part of the owner's land meeting one of the requirements  
3 specified under sub. (2) (a) 1. to 3. If any remaining land meets the eligibility  
4 requirements under s. 77.82 (1), the department shall issue an order withdrawing  
5 the land subject to the request and shall assess against the owner the withdrawal  
6 tax under sub. (5) and the withdrawal fee under sub. (5m).

7           **SECTION 58.** 77.88 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

8           77.88 (3m) WITHDRAWAL FOR FAILURE TO PAY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES. If an  
9 owner of managed forest land has not paid the personal property tax due for a  
10 building on managed forest land before the February settlement date under s. 74.30  
11 (1), the municipality in which the managed forest land is located shall certify to the  
12 department that a delinquency exists and shall include the legal description of the  
13 managed forest land on which the building is located in the certification.  
14 Immediately after receiving the certification, the department shall issue an order  
15 withdrawing the land as managed forest land and shall assess against the owner of  
16 the land the withdrawal tax under sub. (5) and the withdrawal fee under sub. (5m).  
17 Notwithstanding s. 77.90, the owner is not entitled to a hearing on an order  
18 withdrawing land under this subsection.

19           **SECTION 59.** 77.88 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           77.88 (4) NONRENEWAL. If an owner does not petition the department to renew  
21 a managed forest land order, the department shall order the land withdrawn at the  
22 expiration of the order. No withdrawal tax under sub. (5) ~~shall~~ or withdrawal fee  
23 under sub. (5m) may be assessed.

24           **SECTION 60.** 77.88 (5) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

1           77.88 (5) (a) 1. An amount equal to the product of the total net property tax rate  
2           in the municipality in the year prior to the withdrawal and the assessed value of the  
3           land for the same year, as computed by the department of revenue, multiplied by the  
4           number of years the land was designated as managed forest land, less any amounts  
5           paid by the owner under ss. 77.84 (2) (a) and (am) and 77.87.

6           **SECTION 61.** 77.88 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

7           77.88 (5) (a) 2. Five percent of the stumpage value of the merchantable timber  
8           on the land, less any amounts paid by the owner under ss. 77.84 (2) (a) and (am) and  
9           77.87.

10          **SECTION 62.** 77.88 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

11          77.88 (5) (b) 1. An amount equal to the product of the total net property tax rate  
12          in the municipality in the year prior to the withdrawal and the assessed value of the  
13          land for the same year, as computed by the department of revenue, multiplied by the  
14          number of years since the renewal, less any amounts paid by the owner under ss.  
15          77.84 (2) (a) and (am) and 77.87.

16          **SECTION 63.** 77.88 (5) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

17          77.88 (5) (b) 2. Five percent of the stumpage value of the merchantable timber  
18          on the land, less any amounts paid by the owner under ss. 77.84 (2) (a) and (am) and  
19          77.87.

20          **SECTION 64.** 77.88 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

21          77.88 (5m) WITHDRAWAL FEE. The withdrawal fee assessed by the department  
22          under subs. (1) (c), (2) (am), (c), and (f), (3), and (3m) shall be \$300.

23          **SECTION 65.** 77.88 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

24          77.88 (7) PAYMENT; DELINQUENCY. ~~A tax~~ Taxes under sub. (5) is and fees under  
25          sub. (5m) are due and payable to the department on the last day of the month

1 following the effective date of the withdrawal order. ~~Amounts received shall be~~  
2 ~~credited to the conservation fund.~~ If the owner of the land fails to pay the tax or fee,  
3 the department shall certify to the taxation district clerk the amount due. The  
4 taxation district clerk shall enter the delinquent amount on the property tax roll as  
5 a special charge.

6 **SECTION 66.** 77.88 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 77.88 (8) EXCEPTION. No withdrawal tax or withdrawal fee may be assessed  
8 against an owner who transfers ownership of managed forest land for a public road  
9 or railroad or utility right-of-way. No withdrawal tax or withdrawal fee may be  
10 assessed against an owner who transfers ownership of managed forest land for a  
11 park, recreational trail, wildlife or fish habitat area or a public forest to the federal  
12 government, the state or a local governmental unit, as defined in s. 66.0131 (1) (a).  
13 The department may not order withdrawal of the remainder of the land unless the  
14 remainder fails to meet the eligibility requirements under s. 77.82 (1).

15 **SECTION 67.** 77.89 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 77.89 (1) PAYMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES. By June 30 of each year, the department,  
17 from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (bv), shall pay ~~50%~~ 100 percent of each  
18 payment received under s. 77.84 (3) (b), 77.87 (3) ~~or, and~~ 77.88 (7) to the treasurer  
19 of the municipality in which is located the land to which the payment applies.

20 **SECTION 68.** 77.89 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 77.89 (2) (a) and amended  
21 to read:

22 77.89 (2) (a) Each municipal treasurer shall pay 20% of each payment received  
23 under sub. (1) ~~or s. and under ss. 77.84 (2) (a) or and (am), 77.85, and 77.876~~ to the  
24 county treasurer and shall deposit the remainder in the municipal treasury. The  
25 payment to the county treasurer for money received before November 1 of any year

1 shall be made on or before the November 15 after its receipt. For money received on  
2 or after November 1 of any year, the payment to the county treasurer shall be made  
3 on or before November 15 of the following year.

4 **SECTION 69.** 77.89 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 77.89 (2) (b) and amended  
5 to read:

6 77.89 (2) (b) The municipal treasurer shall pay all amounts received under s.  
7 77.84 (2) (b) and (bm) to the county treasurer, as provided under ss. 74.25 and 74.30.  
8 The county treasurer shall, by June 30 of each year, pay all amounts received under  
9 this ~~subsection~~ paragraph to the department. All amounts received by the  
10 department ~~shall be credited to the conservation fund and shall be reserved for land~~  
11 ~~acquisition and resource management activities~~ grants under s. 77.895.

12 **SECTION 70.** 77.895 of the statutes is created to read:

13 **77.895 Grants for land acquisitions for outdoor activities. (1)**

14 DEFINITIONS. In this section:

15 (a) "Board" means the managed forest land board.

16 (b) "Land" means land in fee simple, conservation easements, and other  
17 easements in land.

18 (c) "Local governmental unit" means a town or county.

19 (d) "Nonprofit conservation organization" has the meaning given in s. 23.0955  
20 (1).

21 (2) PROGRAM. The board shall establish a program to award grants from the  
22 appropriation under s. 20.370 (1) (cw) to local governmental units, the department,  
23 and nonprofit conservation organizations to acquire land to be used for hunting,  
24 fishing, hiking, sight-seeing, and cross-country skiing.

1           **(3) REQUIREMENTS.** The board shall promulgate rules establishing  
2 requirements for awarding grants under this subsection. The rules promulgated  
3 under this subsection shall include all of the following:

4           (a) A requirement that the board give higher priority to counties over other  
5 grant applicants in awarding grants under this section.

6           (b) A requirement that, in awarding grants to counties under this section, the  
7 board give higher priority to counties that have higher numbers of acres that are  
8 designated as closed under s. 77.83.

9           (c) A requirement that, in awarding grants to towns under this section, the  
10 board give higher priority to towns that have higher numbers of acres that are  
11 designated as closed under s. 77.83.

12           (d) A requirement that no grant may be awarded under this section without it  
13 being approved by the board of each county in which the land to be acquired is  
14 located.

15           (e) Requirements concerning the use of sound forestry practices on land  
16 acquired under this section.

17           **(4) USE OF LAND.** Land acquired under this section may be used for purposes  
18 in addition to those specified in sub. (1) if the additional uses are compatible with the  
19 purposes specified in sub. (1).

20           **SECTION 71. Initial applicability.**

21           (1) The treatment of section 77.82 (3) (c) (intro.) of the statutes first applies to  
22 management plans that are started on the effective date of this subsection.

23           (2) The treatment of section 77.82 (2m) (a), and (e) and (12) of the statutes, the  
24 renumbering and amendment of section 77.82 (7) (c) of the statutes, the amendment  
25 of section 77.82 (2m) (b) of the statutes, and the creation of section 77.82 (7) (c) 2. of

1 the statutes first applies to applications that are received by the department of  
2 natural resources on the effective date of this subsection.

3 (3) The treatment of section 77.83 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes first applies to an  
4 owner of land that is designated as managed forest land in an order that takes effect  
5 on the effective date of this subsection.

6 **SECTION 72. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,  
7 except as follows:

8 (1) The treatment of sections 77.82 (2m) (c), (3) (c) (intro.), (7) (c) 3., and (12)  
9 (by SECTION 36) of the statutes, the amendment of section 77.82 (7) (c) 2. of the  
10 statutes, and the repeal and recreation of section 77.82 (2m) (b) of the statutes and  
11 SECTION 71 (1) of this act take effect on the first day of the 19th month beginning after  
12 publication.

13 (END)