



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kirschbaum, BB0159 - Circus World Museum operation as historic site

**FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EDUCATION**

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This bill requires the State Historical Society to operate the Circus World Museum. Current law allows SHS, which owns the museum, to enter into a lease with the Circus World Museum Foundation, Inc., to operate the museum. The bill eliminates SHS's authority to enter into that lease and provides that, if a lease is in effect on the bill's effective date, the lease terminates on January 1, 2018, or the termination date specified in the lease, whichever is earlier. Also, for individuals employed by the foundation when the lease terminates, the bill requires SHS to offer employment to those individuals, but only if vacant authorized or limited term positions are available and SHS has funding for those positions.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 44.16 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

**44.16 (title) Circus World Museum Foundation.**

**SECTION 2.** 44.16 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

44.16 (1) The Except as provided in sub. (3), the historical society may enter into a lease agreement with the Circus World Museum Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of operating Circus World Museum, located in Baraboo, Wisconsin. The lease agreement shall not include any provision for the payment of a percentage of gross admissions income at Circus World Museum to the historical society.

**SECTION 3.** 44.16 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

44.16 (3) If a lease agreement under sub. (1) is in effect on the effective date of this subsection .... [LRB inserts date], the lease agreement shall terminate on January 1, 2018, or on the date that any termination occurs as provided under the lease agreement, whichever is earlier.

**SECTION 4.** 44.20 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 44.20 (1) (a).

**SECTION 5.** 44.20 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

44.20 (1) (b) The historical society shall operate and maintain Circus World Museum. If a lease agreement under s. 44.16 (1) is in effect on the effective date of this paragraph .... [LRB inserts date], this paragraph does not apply until the termination date of the lease agreement that is specified in s. 44.16 (3).

**SECTION 9122. Nonstatutory provisions; Historical Society**

(1) CIRCUS WORLD MUSEUM.

(a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

1. "Foundation" means the Circus World Museum Foundation, Inc.

2. "Lease termination date" means the termination date of the lease agreement that is specified in section 44.16 (3) of the statutes.

(b) *Employees.* If a lease agreement under section 44.16 (1) of the statutes is in effect on the effective date of this paragraph, the historical society shall offer employment to each individual who is employed by the foundation on the lease termination date, but only if vacant authorized or limited term positions are available for the individuals to fill and the historical society has funding for the positions.

(c) *Contracts.* If a lease agreement under section 44.16 (1) of the statutes is in effect on the effective date of this paragraph, all contracts entered into by the foundation that are in effect on the lease termination date remain in effect and are transferred to the historical society on the lease termination date. The historical society shall carry out any contractual obligations under such a contract until the contract is modified or rescinded by the historical society to the extent allowed under the contract.

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