



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1956/P1
KRP:wlj

DOA:.....Mott, BB0336 - Eliminate sunset of the POWTS program

FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

BUILDINGS AND SAFETY

1. *Private on-site wastewater treatment systems*

[2017 Wisconsin Act 59](#), the 2017 biennial budget act, repealed, effective June 30, 2021, a grant program DSPS administers to provide grants to individuals and businesses that are served by failing private on-site wastewater treatment systems (POWTS). This bill restores the POWTS grant program.

The bill also modifies certain obligations of governmental units responsible for the regulation of POWTS. Under current law, a governmental unit responsible for the regulation of POWTS must 1) adopt and begin administration of a maintenance program established by DSPS for POWTS before October 1, 2019; 2) as part of adopting and administering the maintenance program, conduct and maintain an inventory of all POWTS located in the governmental unit; and 3) complete the initial inventory of POWTS located in the governmental unit before October 1, 2017. Current law also provides that, in order to be eligible for the POWTS grant program, the governmental unit must comply with those deadlines.

The bill extends the deadline for a governmental unit to adopt and begin administration of a maintenance program from October 1, 2019, to October 1, 2024. The bill also eliminates the deadline for completing the initial inventory of POWTS

but specifies that the governmental unit is not eligible for POWTS grant funding until the governmental unit completes the initial inventory.

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

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

SECTION 1. 145.20 (5) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

145.20 (5) (am) Each governmental unit responsible for the regulation of private on-site wastewater treatment systems shall adopt and begin the administration of the program established under par. (a) before October 1, ~~2019~~ 2024. As part of adopting and administering the program, the governmental unit shall conduct and maintain an inventory of all the private on-site wastewater treatment systems located in the governmental unit ~~and shall complete the initial inventory before October 1, 2017. In order to be. The governmental unit is not~~ eligible for grant funding under s. 145.245, ~~a governmental unit must comply with these deadlines~~ until the governmental unit completes the initial inventory.

SECTION 2. ~~2017 Wisconsin Act 59~~, sections ~~202e, 202g, 1646t to 1646y, 1655g to 1655j, 1806f and 9439 (4t)~~ are repealed.

****NOTE: ~~2017 Wisconsin Act 59~~ also repealed the loan program under s. 145.245 (12m), 2015 stats., on the effective date of the act. This bill, as currently drafted, does not restore that loan program. Let me know if that is not consistent with your intent.

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