

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 48

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 48 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to make available, for a fee, a written directory of all stewardship land that is open for public access. The directory must be updated at least every two years. The DNR may charge a fee for the directory, but the fee may not exceed the cost of publication.

The bill provides that instead of DNR making available a written directory, DNR may provide, at its own cost, a map, book, or written directory that meets the requirements in the bill and that is published by a private entity.

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that instead of DNR making available a written directory, DNR may make available a written directory that is published by a private entity and that meets the requirements provided in the bill. DNR may charge a fee for either directory, but the fee may not exceed the cost of preparing and publishing the directory.

The bill requires DNR to make available a written list of all stewardship land that was acquired before October 27, 2007, and for which public access has been prohibited or restricted and the reasons for the prohibition or restriction.

Both the directory and the list must be completed within two years of the bill's effective date.

<u>Legislative History</u>

On April 27, 2011, the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended passage of Assembly Bill 48 on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

On May 9, 2011, Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Joint Committee on Finance. The committee recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by the same vote.

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