



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 480

August 26, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives LEMAHIEU, D. MEYER, SUDER, MUSSER, NISCHKE, F. LASEE, SERATTI, J. FITZGERALD, GUNDRUM, AINSWORTH, ALBERS, VAN ROY, OWENS, LOTHIAN and BIES, cosponsored by Senator KANAVAS. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber* 23.0917 (5m) (b) 3., 23.0917 (5m) (b) 4. and 23.197 (1); **to**  
2             *amend* 20.866 (2) (ta), 23.0917 (3) (b), 23.0917 (3) (dm) 2. and 23.0917 (4) (d)  
3             3.; **to repeal and recreate** 23.0917 (4) (d) 1.; and **to create** 23.0917 (3) (dm)  
4             1r., 23.0917 (3) (dm) 1t., 23.0917 (3) (dm) 1v., 23.0917 (5m) (bn) 1., 23.0917 (5m)  
5             (br), 23.197 (1b) and 23.197 (10) of the statutes; **relating to:** bonding authority  
6             for the stewardship program.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law authorizes the state to incur public debt for certain conservation activities under the stewardship program, which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The state may incur this debt to acquire land for the state for conservation purposes and may award grants or state aid to certain local governmental units, including the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board, and nonprofit conservation organizations to acquire lands for these purposes (stewardship acquisitions).

This bill reduces the bonding authority under the stewardship program by \$245,000,000, from \$572,000,000 to \$327,000,000. The bill specifies that, of the available bonding authority, \$15,000,000 would be provided to DNR for land acquisition in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05. Of the \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2003-04, \$5,000,000 would be used to complete the acquisition of the Peshtigo River State Forest. Under the bill, from fiscal year

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2005–06 to fiscal year 2009–10, bonding authority of \$30,000,000 would be provided to DNR for land acquisitions, property development, and local assistance. The bill would permit DNR to postpone its allocation of bonding authority for forward bonding associated with the Peshtigo River State Forest through fiscal year 2005–06.

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:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.866 (2) (ta) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           20.866 (2) (ta) *Natural resources; Warren Knowles–Gaylord Nelson*  
3 *stewardship 2000 program.* From the capital improvement fund a sum sufficient for  
4 the Warren Knowles–Gaylord Nelson stewardship 2000 program under s. 23.0917.  
5 The state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed \$572,000,000  
6 \$327,000,000 for this program. Except as provided in s. 23.0917 (4g) (b), (4m) (k), (5)  
7 and (5m), the amounts obligated, as defined in s. 23.0917 (1) (e), under this  
8 paragraph may not exceed \$46,000,000 in fiscal year 2000–01, may not exceed  
9 \$46,000,000 in fiscal year 2001–02, and may not exceed \$60,000,000 in fiscal year  
10 2002–03, may not exceed \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2003–04, may not exceed  
11 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2004–05, and may not exceed \$30,000,000 in each fiscal  
12 year beginning with fiscal year ~~2002–03~~ 2005–06 and ending with fiscal year  
13 2009–10.

14           **SECTION 2.** 23.0917 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           23.0917 (3) (b) In obligating moneys under the subprogram for land  
16 acquisition, the department shall set aside in each fiscal year, except in fiscal years  
17 2003–04 and 2004–05, \$3,000,000 that may be obligated only for state trails and the  
18 ice age trail and for grants for the state trails and the ice age trails under s. 23.096.

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1 The period of time during which the moneys shall be set aside in each fiscal year shall  
2 begin on the July 1 of the fiscal year and end on the June 30 of the same fiscal year.

3 **SECTION 3.** 23.0917 (3) (dm) 1r. of the statutes is created to read:

4 23.0917 (3) (dm) 1r. For fiscal year 2002-03, \$45,000,000.

5 **SECTION 4.** 23.0917 (3) (dm) 1t. of the statutes is created to read:

6 23.0917 (3) (dm) 1t. For fiscal year 2003-04, \$10,000,000.

7 **SECTION 5.** 23.0917 (3) (dm) 1v. of the statutes is created to read:

8 23.0917 (3) (dm) 1v. For fiscal year 2004-05, \$5,000,000.

9 **SECTION 6.** 23.0917 (3) (dm) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 23.0917 (3) (dm) 2. For each fiscal year beginning with ~~2002-03~~ 2005-06 and  
11 ending with fiscal year 2009-10, ~~\$45,000,000~~ \$22,500,000.

12 **SECTION 7.** 23.0917 (4) (d) 1. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

13 23.0917 (4) (d) 1. Except as provided in sub. (5), the department may not  
14 obligate under this subprogram more than the following amounts:

15 a. For fiscal year 2000-01, \$11,500,000.

16 b. For fiscal year 2001-02, \$11,500,000.

17 c. For fiscal year 2002-03, \$15,000,000.

18 d. For each of fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05, \$2,000,000 for property  
19 development.

20 e. For each of fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05, \$3,000,000 for local assistance.

21 f. For each fiscal year beginning with 2005-06 and ending with fiscal year  
22 2009-10, \$7,500,000.

23 **SECTION 8.** 23.0917 (4) (d) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 23.0917 (4) (d) 3. The Except as provided in par. (d) 1. d. and e., the department  
25 shall obligate at least \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year for property development.

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1           **SECTION 9.** 23.0917 (5m) (b) 3. of the statutes is renumbered 23.0917 (5m) (bn)

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3           **SECTION 10.** 23.0917 (5m) (b) 4. of the statutes is renumbered 23.0917 (5m) (bn)

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5           **SECTION 11.** 23.0917 (5m) (bn) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

6           23.0917 **(5m)** (bn) 1. Subdivisions 2. and 3. apply to land acquired by the  
7 department on or after the effective date of this subdivision .... [revisor inserts date].

8           **SECTION 12.** 23.0917 (5m) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

9           23.0917 **(5m)** (br) 1. Subdivisions 2. and 3. apply to land acquired by the  
10 department before the effective date of this subdivision .... [revisor inserts date].

11           2. For bonds that are retired from the proceeds of the sale of the acquired land  
12 within 5 years after the date on which the land was acquired by the department, the  
13 department shall adjust the available bonding authority for the subprogram for land  
14 acquisition by increasing the available bonding authority for the fiscal year in which  
15 the bonds are retired by an amount equal to the total amount of the bonds issued for  
16 the sale that have been retired in that fiscal year.

17           3. For bonds that are not retired from the proceeds of the sale of the acquired  
18 land within 5 years after the date on which the land was acquired by the department,  
19 the department shall adjust the available bonding authority for the subprogram for  
20 land acquisition by decreasing the available bonding authority for the next fiscal  
21 year beginning after the end of that 5-year period by an amount equal to the total  
22 amount of the bonds that have not been retired from such proceeds in that fiscal year  
23 and, if necessary, shall decrease for each subsequent fiscal year the available bonding  
24 authority in an amount equal to that available bonding authority or equal to the  
25 amount still needed to equal the total amount of the bonds that have not been retired

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1 from such proceeds, whichever is less, until the available bonding authority has been  
2 decreased by an amount equal to the total of the bonds that have not been retired.

3 **SECTION 13.** 23.197 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 23.197 (1m).

4 **SECTION 14.** 23.197 (1b) of the statutes is created to read:

5 23.197 (1b) DEFINITION. In this section, "obligate" has the meaning given in s.  
6 23.0917 (1) (e).

7 **SECTION 15.** 23.197 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

8 23.197 (10) PESHTIGO RIVER STATE FOREST. From the appropriation under s.  
9 20.866 (2) (ta), during fiscal year 2003-04, the department shall obligate \$5,000,000  
10 to acquire land for the Peshtigo River State Forest. For purposes of s. 23.0917,  
11 moneys provided from the appropriation under s. 20.866 (2) (ta) shall be treated as  
12 moneys obligated under the subprogram for land acquisition.

13 (END)