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2003 SENATE BILL 376

January 7, 2004 - Introduced by Senator Panzer, cosponsored by Representative Gard. Referred to Select Committee on Job Creation.

- 1 AN ACT to create 295.13 (4) of the statutes; relating to: nonmetallic mining
- 2 reclamation financial assurances.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires counties to administer ordinances to ensure that nonmetallic mining sites are reclaimed. "Nonmetallic" mining means extracting substances like gravel and stone. Among other things, nonmetallic mining reclamation ordinances must require operators to provide financial assurance to ensure that the nonmetallic mine will be reclaimed. This bill provides that, if a city, village, or town requires an operator to provide financial assurance for nonmetallic mining reclamation, the county must credit the value of that financial assurance toward the amount that the operator is required to provide under the county ordinance.

For further information see the *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.** 295.13 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 295.13 (4) Crediting of financial assurance. If a nonmetallic mining site is
- 5 subject to a county ordinance under sub. (1) or (2) and the city, village, or town in

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which a nonmetallic mining site is located required the operator of the mining site to provide financial assurance for nonmetallic mining reclamation of the nonmetallic mining site, the county shall credit the value of the financial assurance provided to the city, village, or town against the amount of financial assurance that the operator is required to provide under the county ordinance.

6 (END)