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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 523

November 13, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives KLEEFISCH, JARCHOW, T. LARSON, MURPHY and SCHRAA, cosponsored by Senator LASEE. Referred to Committee on Housing and Real Estate.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 62.23 (7) (hc) (title) and 62.23 (7) (hc) 1. (intro.); and *to create*  
2             59.69 (10) (at) of the statutes; **relating to:** replacement of certain  
3             nonconforming structures that are destroyed by vandalism or certain natural  
4             forces and manufactured home communities that are nonconforming uses.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

A legal nonconforming use is a land use that is generally prohibited by a zoning ordinance, but is permitted on a particular property because that use was legally ongoing at the property at the time that the ordinance prohibiting the use was enacted. Under current law, a zoning ordinance enacted by a municipality or county generally may not prohibit the continued legal nonconforming use of any building, premises, structure, or fixture (premises). However, the alteration or repair of, in excess of 50 percent of the assessed value, any existing premises to carry on any prohibited use within the district may be prohibited.

Under this bill, in counties, a licensed manufactured home community that is a legal nonconforming use continues to be a legal nonconforming use notwithstanding any repair or replacement of homes or infrastructure within the community.

Also, under current law, restrictions that are contained in general city zoning ordinances may not prohibit the restoration of a nonconforming structure if the structure will be restored to the size, location, and use that it had immediately before the damage or destruction occurred, or impose any limits on the costs of the repair, reconstruction, or improvement if the nonconforming structure was damaged or

