



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 734

December 12, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives SKINDRUD, FREESE, GOETSCH, AINSWORTH, MURAT, GARD and GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Senator A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 77.81 (4) and 77.88 (1) (a); and **to create** 77.88 (1) (am) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** allowing managed forest land to be located in cities.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Certain lands are designated as managed forest land under a program administered by the department of natural resources. Under this program, the owner of land designated as managed forest land makes an annual acreage share instead of the property taxes that normally would be payable.

Under current law, for a parcel of land to be eligible for the program, the parcel must consist of at least 10 contiguous acres and must be located in a town or village. Also at least 80% of the parcel must be capable of producing a minimum of 20 cubic feet of timber per acre per year. Under the bill, the land may also be located in a city.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 77.81 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 77.81 (4) "Municipality" means a town or, village or city.

5 **SECTION 2.** 77.88 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 77.88 (1) (a) The department may, at the request of the owner of managed forest
7 land or of the governing body of the municipality in which any managed forest land
8 is located, or at its own discretion, investigate to determine whether the designation

1 as managed forest land should be withdrawn. The Except as provided in par. (am),
2 the department shall notify the owner of the land and the mayor of the city, the
3 chairperson of the town or the president of the village in which the land is located
4 of the investigation.

5 **SECTION 3.** 77.88 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

6 77.88 (1) (am) If a city or village is organized under subch. I of ch. 64, the
7 department shall notify the president of the city council or village council of the
8 investigation.

9 (END)