



2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 36

January 24, 2007 - Introduced by Representatives M. WILLIAMS, GRONEMUS, MURSAU, MUSSER, ALBERS, BALLWEG, GUNDERSON, HUBLER, NERISON and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senators WIRCH, ROESSLER and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Preparedness.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 23.097 (1) (a) and 23.097 (1) (b); and *to create* 23.097 (1r)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants for catastrophic damage caused to urban
3 forests.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to administer a program under which counties, cities, villages, towns, and nonprofit organizations receive grants of up to 50 percent of the cost for certain projects relating to tree management such as development of ordinances and tree inventories.

Under this bill, in addition to the grants under existing law, DNR may award grants to any of these entities, plus Indian tribes, for the costs of saving, removing, or replacing trees damaged in a catastrophic storm event in an urban area for which the governor has declared a state of emergency. This type of grant does not require that the recipient contribute to the costs of saving, removing, or replacing the trees.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 23.097 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 23.097 (1).

