



2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 154

April 8, 2015 – Introduced by Representative MEYERS, cosponsored by Senator BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to create** 59.692 (2) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the authority of
2 a town and of a county to zone shorelands in a town that is located entirely on
3 an island in Lake Superior and authorized to exercise village powers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county must enact a shoreland zoning ordinance for all shorelands in its unincorporated area. Current law defines a shoreland to be an area within a certain distance from the edge of a navigable water. Under current law, if an existing town ordinance relating to shorelands is more restrictive than a county shoreland zoning ordinance enacted later and affecting the same shorelands, it continues as a town ordinance in all respects to the extent of the greater restrictions.

Under this bill, if a town ordinance enacted by a town that is located entirely on an island in Lake Superior and authorized to exercise village powers is more restrictive than a county shoreland zoning ordinance, regardless of the order of enactment, the town ordinance applies in all respects to the extent of the greater restrictions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 59.692 (2) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 154**SECTION 1**

1 59.692 **(2)** (bm) If a town ordinance enacted by a town that is located entirely
2 on an island in Lake Superior and authorized to exercise village powers under s.
3 60.22 **(3)** is more restrictive than an ordinance enacted under this section affecting
4 the same shorelands, regardless of the order of enactment, the town ordinance
5 applies in all respects to the extent of the greater restrictions, but not otherwise.

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