



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 1041

March 18, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives SERATTI, OURADA, GARD, AINSWORTH, ZUKOWSKI and RYBA, cosponsored by Senators DECKER and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 20.370 (5) (cz); **to amend** 27.016 (5) and 27.016 (7); and **to**
2 **create** 20.370 (5) (cz) and 27.016 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** expenditures
3 from the heritage state parks and forests trust fund, a grant to Shawano County
4 for surfacing the Mountain Bay trail and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of natural resources may award matching grants to groups that are established for the benefit of state parks, state forests in the southern part of the state and state recreation areas. Funding for these grants comes from the heritage state parks and forests trust fund (heritage fund), which is a nonlapsible trust fund consisting of gifts and contributions made to the fund and moneys received from the sale of utility easements in state parks, southern state forests and state recreation areas. Under current law, for a group to be eligible for grant, it must have established an endowment fund for the park, forest or recreation area and may only use the interest generated from the endowment fund as matching funds for the grant. This bill eliminates the requirement that the matching funds be limited to the interest generated. The bill also requires that the cash balance in the heritage fund not go below \$100,000.

The bill also provides a grant of \$280,000 from the heritage fund in fiscal year 1996-97 to Shawano County for surfacing the Mountain Bay trail.

For further information see the *state* 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
 2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	1995-96	1996-97
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4 **20.370 Natural resources, department of**

5 (5) CONSERVATION AIDS

6 (cz) Recreation aids - Mountain Bay

7 trail	-0-	280,000
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8 **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (5) (cz) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.370 (5) (cz) *Recreation aids — Mountain Bay trail.* From the heritage state
 10 parks and forests trust fund, the amounts in the schedule to surface the Mountain
 11 Bay trail.

12 **SECTION 3.** 20.370 (5) (cz) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act
 13 (this act), is repealed.

14 **SECTION 4.** 27.016 (5) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, is
 15 amended to read:

16 27.016 (5) The amount of a grant under this section shall equal 50% of the
 17 amount of matching funds that are provided by the friends group for the grant. A
 18 ~~friends group may only use the interest generated by the endowment fund for~~
 19 ~~purposes of providing the matching funds.~~ The matching funds and the grant may
 20 be used only for the operation and maintenance of the state park, southern state
 21 forest or state recreation area that the friends group's endowment fund was
 22 established to benefit.

23 **SECTION 5.** 27.016 (7) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, is
 24 amended to read:

1 27.016 (7) Beginning in fiscal year 1996-97 and for each fiscal year thereafter,
2 except as provided in sub. (8), any moneys not encumbered or expended for grants
3 under sub. (6) from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (1) (eq) may be used expended
4 by the department for the operation and maintenance of the state parks, of the
5 southern state forests and of state recreation areas.

6 **SECTION 6.** 27.016 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

7 27.016 (8) The department may not make available for expenditure any
8 moneys from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (1) (eq) for grants under sub. (6) or
9 for the operation and maintenance of state parks, of southern state forests or of state
10 recreation areas if the expenditure will result in the heritage state parks and forests
11 trust fund having an unencumbered balance of less than \$100,000 on June 30, 1997,
12 or on any June 30 thereafter.

13 **SECTION 7. Nonstatutory provisions; building commission.**

14 (1) 1995-97 STATE BUILDING PROGRAM ADDITIONS. In 1995 Wisconsin Act 27,
15 section 9108 (1), the following project is added to the 1995-97 state building program
16 and the appropriate totals are increased by the amounts shown:

17 (a) In paragraph (h) 4., under projects financed by

 segregated fund revenue

18 Mountain Bay trail	\$280,000
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19 **SECTION 8. Nonstatutory provisions; natural resources.**

20 (1) From the appropriation under section 20.370 (5) (cz) of the statutes, as
21 created by this act, the department of natural resources shall provide to Shawano
22 County in fiscal year 1996-97 a grant of not more than \$280,000 for surfacing the
23 Mountain Bay trail.

