



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 379

May 18, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives MEYER and HUEBSCH, cosponsored by Senator RUDE, by request of La Crosse County Harbor Commission. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 30.38 (12); and **to create** 59.07 (137m) and 85.095 (4) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** grants for harbor improvements located on islands in or
3 outside the state that are owned by a city, village, town or county.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT), in consultation with the Wisconsin coastal management council, administers a harbor assistance program. Under the program, eligible applicants may be awarded grants as reimbursement for harbor improvements. Eligible applicants include cities, villages, towns and counties.

This bill permits DOT to award a grant for harbor improvements located on an island in the Mississippi River, regardless of whether the island is located in this state, if the island is owned by a city, village, town or county of this state.

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.** 30.38 (12) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 30.38 (12) RESPONSIBILITIES RELATIVE TO JOINT HARBORS. If a board of harbor
6 commissioners is in charge of a harbor which lies partly in this state and partly in
7 another state, the board shall be the official body representing that represents the
8 interests of the Wisconsin ~~part of~~ municipality that created the board in such joint

1 harbor and its harbor, including the harbor's facilities and shipping interests. The
2 board shall study the needs of the joint harbor and its harbor, including the harbor's
3 facilities and shipping interests, with reference to both its separate Wisconsin
4 aspects and its joint aspects, and and its aspects relating to this state. The board
5 from time to time shall make such recommendations, as the board considers needful
6 and practical, to the proper authorities for the proper maintenance, improvement
7 and betterment of the joint harbor, and especially the Wisconsin part of such joint
8 harbor and its harbor including the harbor's facilities and shipping interests, as
9 seems needful and practical. The board may take steps within its power as seem
10 practicable to cause such recommendations to be carried into effect. The board may
11 also meet and act jointly with the agency having charge of the operation of that part
12 of the joint harbor located in representing the interests of the other state in the joint
13 harbor, on matters of common interest and which affect the joint harbor and its
14 harbor including the harbor's facilities. It may join with such agency in adopting a
15 general plan for the development of the joint harbor and in making such other
16 recommendations as seem advisable and may act jointly with such agency in doing
17 all things within its power to cause such plans and recommendations to be carried
18 into effect.

19 **SECTION 2.** 59.07 (137m) of the statutes is created to read:

20 59.07 (**137m**) HARBOR IMPROVEMENT. Establish, own, operate, lease, equip and
21 improve harbor facilities on land owned by the county that is located in this state or
22 in another state, subject to the laws of the state in which the land is located, and may
23 appropriate money for the activities specified in this subsection.

24 **SECTION 3.** 85.095 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

1 85.095 (4) HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER. An eligible applicant
2 may receive a grant under this section for harbor improvements located on an island
3 in the Mississippi River regardless of the state in which the island is located if the
4 island is owned by a city, village, town or county in this state.

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