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1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 858

March 2, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives HAHN, HUTCHISON, PORTER, BAUMGART, M. LEHMAN, BRANDEMUEHL, KELSO, BLACK, KEDZIE, OTT, F. LASEE, GUNDERSON, GOETSCH, PLOUFF, HARSDORF, MUSSER and SPILLNER, cosponsored by Senators RUDE, HUELSMAN, ROESSLER and ROSENZWEIG. Referred to Committee on Tourism and Recreation.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 23.098 (1); **to amend** 23.098 (title), 23.098 (2),
2 23.098 (4), 23.098 (6) and 27.016 (1) (b); and **to create** 23.09 (2) (d) 15. and
3 23.098 (1) (ag) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to friends groups for property
4 development on certain properties owned by the department of natural
5 resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of natural resources (DNR) may make matching grants to nonprofit corporations organized to raise funds for state parks or state forests for property development projects in the state parks or state forests. Under this bill, nonprofit corporations organized to raise funds for other properties that are acquired and owned by the state and that are under the jurisdiction of DNR are also eligible for these grants. Under current law, DNR may not award more than a total of \$100,000 in each fiscal year for these grants and may not award more than \$10,000 in grants for a given state park or state forest in each fiscal year. This bill increases these limits to \$200,000 and \$20,000, respectively. The bill also allows these moneys to just be committed in a given fiscal year instead of requiring them to actually be awarded. The bill clarifies that state wildlife areas are purposes for which DNR may acquire property on behalf of the state.

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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.** 23.09 (2) (d) 15. of the statutes is created to read:

2 23.09 (2) (d) 15. State wildlife areas.

3 **SECTION 2.** 23.098 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **23.098 (title) Grants for state park and forest property development on**
5 **properties owned by the department.**

6 **SECTION 3.** 23.098 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 23.098 (1) (intro.) and
7 amended to read:

8 23.098 (1) (intro.) In this section, “friends:

9 (b) “Friends group” means a nonstock, nonprofit corporation described under
10 section 501 (c) (3) or (4) of the ~~internal revenue code~~ Internal Revenue Code and
11 exempt from taxation under section 501 (a) of the ~~internal revenue code~~ Internal
12 Revenue Code that is organized to raise funds for ~~state parks or state forests a~~
13 department property.

14 **SECTION 4.** 23.098 (1) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:

15 23.098 (1) (ag) “Department property” means an area of real property that is
16 owned by the state, that is under the jurisdiction of the department and that is used
17 for one of the purposes specified in s. 23.09 (2) (d).

18 **SECTION 5.** 23.098 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 23.098 (2) The department shall establish a program to expend ~~in each fiscal~~
20 ~~year up to \$100,000 from the appropriation under s. 20.866 (2) (tz)~~ moneys for grants
21 to friends groups for projects for property development activities ~~in state parks or~~

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1 ~~state forests on department properties. The department may not encumber more~~
2 ~~than \$200,000 in each fiscal year for these grants.~~

3 **SECTION 6.** 23.098 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 23.098 (4) (a) The department shall periodically prepare a list of projects in
5 ~~state parks and state forests on department properties~~ that are eligible for grants
6 under this section and shall include in the list the estimated cost of each project.

7 (b) The department may not ~~expend~~ encumber more than \$10,000 ~~as \$20,000~~
8 ~~for grants under this section for a state park or a state forest department property~~
9 in each fiscal year.

10 **SECTION 7.** 23.098 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 23.098 (6) For purposes of s. 23.0915 (1), moneys encumbered or expended as
12 for grants under this section shall be treated as moneys encumbered or expended for
13 general property development.

14 **SECTION 8.** 27.016 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 27.016 (1) (b) "Friends group" ~~has the meaning given in s. 23.098 (1)~~ means a
16 nonstock, nonprofit corporation described under section 501 (c) (3) or (4) of the
17 Internal Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under section 501 (a) of the
18 Internal Revenue Code that is organized to raise funds for state parks, state forests
19 or state recreation areas.

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