



2001 SENATE BILL 214

July 5, 2001 - Introduced by Senators GEORGE, BURKE, HANSEN, MOEN, ROBSON, PLACHE, GROBSCHMIDT and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives RICHARDS, SINICKI, BOYLE, SHERMAN, LA FAVE, REYNOLDS, CARPENTER, POCAN, J. LEHMAN, TURNER, PLOUFF, GRONEMUS, WASSERMAN, LASSA, MILLER, BERCEAU and KRUG. Referred to Committee on Environmental Resources.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 295.33 (4); and **to create** 295.33 (4m) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** drilling beneath the beds of the Great Lakes and adjacent waters to explore
3 for or produce oil or gas and construction of pipelines on or beneath the beds of
4 the Great Lakes or adjacent waters.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may drill to explore for or produce oil or gas from beneath the beds of the Great Lakes or bays or harbors that are adjacent to the Great Lakes unless that drilling originates from the shore and the person has a written lease from the department of natural resources.

This bill prohibits any person from drilling beneath the beds of the Great Lakes or bays or harbors that are adjacent to the Great Lakes to explore for or produce oil or gas, without regard to where the drilling originates. This bill also prohibits any person from installing an oil or gas pipeline on or beneath the beds of the Great Lakes.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 295.33 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

