



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 506

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 30.01 (4m), 30.10 (1) and 30.10 (2) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** the definition of navigable waters and navigable waterway and declarations
3 of navigability.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law relating to navigable waters, harbors, and navigation, the terms "navigable waters" or "navigable waterway" are defined to mean any body of water which is navigable under the laws of this state. This bill changes this definition so that the terms "navigable waters" or "navigable waterway" means any body of water that during a total of at least six months in the current calendar year is capable of supporting watercraft carrying a person.

Current law also provides that lakes that are navigable in fact are navigable and public waters. It also provides that streams that are navigable in fact are navigable to the extent that no dam, bridge, or other obstruction may be made over the stream without permission of the state. This draft specifies that a lake or stream is navigable only if during a total of at least six months in the current calendar year, it is capable of supporting watercraft carrying a person.

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:

