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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 48

March 10, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives J. OTT, MURSAU, STONE, BALLWEG, PRIDEMORE, KESTELL, LEMAHIEU, WILLIAMS, BIES, BROOKS, STRACHOTA, PETERSEN, TIFFANY, KERKMAN, RIVARD, STEINEKE and NERISON, cosponsored by Senators KEDZIE, MOULTON, HARSORF, GALLOWAY and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 23.09165 (2); and **to create** 23.09165 (2) (bc) and 23.09165
2 (3) (ec) of the statutes; **relating to:** information about land acquired with
3 stewardship funding.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes the state to incur public debt for land conservation activities under the Warren Knowles–Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program, which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In addition to this stewardship program, the state was authorized to incur public debt for land conservation activities under the original stewardship program that began in 1990 and ended in 2000. Under these programs, the state itself may acquire the land, or interests in land, or DNR may award grants or other state aid to certain local governmental units, the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board or other nonprofit conservation organizations for land conservation activities.

This bill requires DNR to make available, for a fee, a written directory of all land acquired under both stewardship programs (stewardship land) that is open to the public. Also, DNR must make available a list of all stewardship land acquired before October 27, 2007, for which public access has been prohibited or restricted and the reasons for the prohibition or restriction. For stewardship land acquired on or after that date, current law requires landowners to post signs that notify the public which activities are permitted, restricted, and prohibited on the land. The directory and list must be completed within two years after the bill becomes law.

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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.** 23.09165 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 23.09165 (2) (ac).

2 **SECTION 2.** 23.09165 (2) (bc) of the statutes is created to read:

3 23.09165 (2) (bc) Within 24 months after the effective date of this paragraph
4 [LRB inserts date], the department shall make available to the public a written
5 directory of all stewardship land that is open for public access. The directory shall
6 be organized by county and town and shall clearly show the location of the
7 stewardship land and named or numbered roads. The directory shall be updated at
8 least every 2 years. The department may charge a fee for the directory, but the fee
9 may not exceed the cost of the publication of the directory. In lieu of the department
10 making available a written directory, the department may provide to the public at
11 the department's cost, a map, book, or written directory that meets the requirements
12 of this paragraph and that is published by a private entity.

13 **SECTION 3.** 23.09165 (3) (ec) of the statutes is created to read:

14 23.09165 (3) (ec) Within 24 months after the effective date of this paragraph
15 [LRB inserts date], the department shall make available to the public a written
16 list of all stewardship land that was acquired before October 27, 2007, and for which
17 public access has been restricted or prohibited and the reasons for that action.

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