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CHAPTER 264

AN ACT to create 101.55 of the statutes, relating to the authority of the governor to execute an agreement with the federal government to assume responsibility for certain sources of ionizing radiation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 101.55 of the statutes is created to read:

101.55 EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS TO CONTROL SOURCES OF RADIATION. When the legislative council determines that it is in the interest of the state to enter into agreement with the government of the United States to provide for the discontinuance of certain of the federal government's responsibilities with respect to sources of ionizing radiation and the assumption thereof by the state pursuant to authority granted by P.L. 86-373, it shall convey its determination to the governor together with its estimate of the initial and ultimate cost of the assumption of this responsibility by the state and the governor, on behalf of the state, may, after a finding by both him and the U.S. atomic energy commission as to the adequacy of the state's program of regulation, enter into such an agreement.

SECTION 2. STUDY ON NUCLEAR FACILITY LIABILITY. The legislative council shall, in the 1963-65 interim, conduct a study of the problem of liability created by the installation of nuclear facilities, including the program and procedures proposed and adopted in states where such facilities have been placed in operation. The council shall report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the 1965 legislature when it convenes. The council may assign this study to a committee thereof, and may elect an advisory committee of experts to assist such committee in this study and in the study proposed in SECTION 1.

SECTION 3. This bill is declared to be an emergency appropriation measure in accordance with section 16.47 (2) of the statutes.

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