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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 21, 2000
TO: Senator Grobschmidt
FROM: Elizabeth Kluesner
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 347

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 347. As you are aware there has been much discussion on handling this issue. The Department has worked with the Southeast Regional Planning Commission on a solution. We have come up with the following amendment in order to clean up the language and allow the employees to perform their job without certification.

The reasons for these requested changes are to give state and local employees an exemption similar to federal employees to allow them to perform their jobs. The problem arises in that the definitions of the practice of hydrology and soil science are so broad that many of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources field staff would need a license to do their jobs. Although the definitions of hydrology and soil science are broad, the Department of Regulation and Licensing criteria for licensing is very narrow. Because of this, many of the staff who have applied to DORL have been denied licenses. Even administrators of major programs, despite years of experience in water regulation and related areas, have been denied. Without these licenses the staff is subject to legal challenges and even forfeitures for practicing without a license.

The following is our proposed language for the amendment:

470.025(2c) An officer or employee of this state or a local government unit in this state while engaged in the practice of professional hydrology or soil science for the state or local governmental unit under chs. ~~23, 26 to 31, 33, 50, 60, 61, 62, 66, 87, 88, 92, 94, 236,~~ and 281 to 299.

470.01(1t) For the purposes of this section, "local governmental unit" means a city, village, town, county, special purpose district, regional planning commission or an agency or corporation of any of the foregoing.



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SENATE AMENDMENT,
TO 1999 SENATE BILL 347

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 1. Page 3, line 2: after that line insert:

3 "SECTION 2g. 470.01 (1t)[✓] of the statutes is created to read:

4 470.01 (1t) "Local governmental unit" means a city, village, town, county,
5 special purpose district, regional planning commission or an agency or corporation
6 of any of the foregoing.

7 SECTION 2r. 470.025 (2m)[✓] of the statutes is created to read:

8 470.025 (2m) An officer or employe of this state or a local governmental unit
9 in this state while engaged in the practice of professional hydrology or soil science
10 for the ^{state} ~~state~~ or local governmental unit under ch. 23, 26, 31, 33, 59, 60, 61, 62, 66, 87,
11 88, 92, 94, 236 or ^{chs.} ~~281~~ to 299."

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