

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 174

March 6, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives PETTIS, D. MEYER, KRAWCZYK, HAHN, ALBERS, OWENS, TOWNSEND, FRISKE, SUDER, AINSWORTH, WADE, WARD, SYKORA, VRAKAS, FREESE, GUNDERSON, PLOUFF, DUFF and MUSSER, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE, ZIEN, HUELSMAN, COWLES and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Tourism and Recreation.

1 AN ACT *to create* 895.523 of the statutes; **relating to:** immunity of private
2 campground owners and operators.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides immunity from civil liability to owners and operators of private campgrounds and to their employees and agents. The immunity applies to property damage or personal injury or death of an individual if the damage, injury, or death is the proximate result of the act or omission of a person other than the owner or operator of the private campground or the employees or agents of the owner or operator.

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

3 SECTION 1. 895.523 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **895.523 Liability exemption; private campgrounds. (1)** In this section:
5 (a) "Private campground" means a facility that is issued a campground permit
6 under s. 254.47 and that is owned and operated by someone other than a public
7 agency.

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1 (b) “Public agency” has the meaning given in s. 66.0825 (3) (h).

2 (2) The owner or operator of a private campground and the employees and
3 agents of the owner or operator are immune from civil liability for damage to property
4 or for the death of or injury to an individual if that damage, death, or injury is a
5 proximate result of the acts or omissions of a person other than the owner or operator
6 of the campground or the employees and agents of the owner or operator.

7 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

8 (1) This act first applies to acts or omissions that occur on the effective date of
9 this subsection.

10 (END)