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### **2001 BILL**

AN ACT to amend 77.82 (4m) (c) of the statutes; relating to: the conversion of lands that are entered on the tax roll as forest croplands to lands that are entered on the tax roll as managed forest lands.

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#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Certain lands are designated as forest croplands under a program administered by the department of natural resources (DNR). Under this program, the owner of the designated land makes an annual payment per acre that is designated instead of the property taxes that would normally be payable. In exchange, the owner must comply with certain forestry practices and must allow hunting and fishing on all of the designated land. Beginning on January 1, 1986, DNR has not been able to designate any additional land as forest cropland.

Under a similar program that has been in effect after December 31, 1985, DNR may designate certain land as managed forest land. Under this program, the owner may close part of the land to public use such as hunting and fishing. The owner makes a higher annual payment on the acres that are closed than on the acres that are open. Both programs impose a withdrawal tax if the designated land is withdrawn before the period of the designation expires.

Before, January 1, 1998, an owner of forest croplands was able to file a petition with DNR to convert the land to managed forest land. The land to be converted had to be in a single town or village, and the petition had to include all forest croplands owned by the petitioner in that town or village. The owner had to submit the petition after September 1, 1994, and before January 1, 1998.

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Current law prohibits the imposition of withdrawal taxes for the conversion of these forest croplands to managed forest lands. However, under current law, for converted land that is withdrawn from the managed forest land program within ten years after its being converted, the withdrawal tax is the higher of the following: 1) the withdrawal tax that would have been imposed on the land under the forest cropland program at the time of the conversion; or 2) the withdrawal tax calculated under the formula used for managed forest lands that have not been converted.

The bill again allows an owner of forest croplands to file a petition to convert forest croplands into managed forest lands. The petition must be filed after the date when this bill becomes law and before January 1, 2006. The same location and ownership requirements and the same provisions concerning the imposition and calculation of withdrawal taxes that apply to forest croplands subject to the earlier conversion process apply to forest croplands for which a petition is filed as authorized under this bill.

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:

SECTION 1. 77.82 (4m) (c) of the statutes is amended to read;

77.82 (4m) (c) A petition under this subsection must be submitted after

September 1, 1994, and before January 1, 1998, or after the effective date of this

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#### Gibson-Glass, Mary

To: Subject: Engelbert, Steve LRB 01-4783

Steve:

I neglected to write a drafter's note on this draft regarding whether you wanted to change s. 77.82 (7) (d). If it is not amended, DNR will have 3 years to process these conversion petitions. Secondly, do you want a delayed effective date to give DNR some time to reestablish this conversion procedure? If so, let me know what date you would want.

Mary Gibson-Glass Senior Legislative Attorney Legislative Reference Bureau 608 267 3215

#### Gibson-Glass, Mary

From:

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To:

Gibson-Glass, Mary

Subject:

LRB-4783\1 forest croplands bill



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Mary Gibson-Glass:

Representative Hubler worked out these changes with Kenneth Hujanen, Forest Tax Section Chief, Bureau of Forestry,

can contact

DNR.

Please call with other comments or questions.

Steve Engelbert offiice of Representative Mary Hubler 266-2528

# Chapter 77, Subchapter VI Managed Forest Law

Those parts of the Manged Forest Law that cover the conversion of lands from the Forest Crop Law:

77.82 (1)(c) - Remains unchanged...

77.82...

(4m) CONVERSION OF FOREST CROPLANDS TO MANAGED FOREST LAND (a) An owner of land that is entered as forest croplands under s.77.02 may petition the department under sub. (2) to convert all or a portion of the land, eligible by legal description to managed forest land, subject to sub. (1)(c)

(4m)(b) Remains as is...

(4m)(bn) A petition under this subsection shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable \$100 \$20 application fee which shall be deposited in the conservation fund and credited to the appropriation under s.20.370(1)(cr).

(4m)(c) Strike all of it...

(7)(d) Replace with...

(d) If a petition submitted under sub. (4m) is received on or before January 31 of any year from a petitioner who owns less than 1,000 acres in this state or on or before March 31 of any year from any other petitioner, the department shall investigate and shall either approve the petition and issue an order under sub. (8) or deny the petition on or before the November 21 of the following year.

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## 2001 BILL



AN ACT to repeal 77.82 (4m) (c) of the statutes, relating to: the conversion of

lands that are entered on the tax roll as forest croplands to lands that are entered on the tax roll as managed forest lands.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Certain lands are designated as forest croplands under a program administered by the department of natural resources (DNR). Under this program, the owner of the designated land makes an annual payment per acre that is designated instead of the property taxes that would normally be payable. In exchange, the owner must comply with certain forestry practices and must allow hunting and fishing on all of the designated land. Beginning on January 1, 1986, DNR has not been able to designate any additional land as forest cropland.

Under a similar program that has been in effect after December 31, 1985, DNR may designate certain land as managed forest land. Under this program, the owner may close part of the land to public use such as hunting and fishing. The owner makes a higher annual payment on the acres that are closed than on the acres that are open. Both programs impose a withdrawal tax if the designated land is withdrawn before the period of the designation expires.

Before, January 1, 1998, an owner of forest croplands was able to file a petition with DNR to convert the land to managed forest land. The land to be converted had to be in a single town or village, and the petition had to include all forest croplands owned by the petitioner in that town or village. The owner had to submit the petition after September 1, 1994, and before January 1, 1998. ONR had three grows to approve the petition with these years after September 3 submittal.

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This bill allows an owner of forest croplands to file a petition to convert forest croplands into managed forest lands at any time. The same location and ownership requirements and the same provisions concerning the imposition and calculation of withdrawal taxes that apply to forest croplands subject to the earlier conversion process apply to forest croplands for which a petition is filed as authorized under this bill.

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:

SECTION 1. 77.82 (4m) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

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Under the bill, all of the forest croplands owned by the petitioner in a single town or village need not be converted. However, if only a portion of the forest crop lands are to be converted, the converted land must consist of one or more quarter—quarter sections or a government or fractional lots, as determined by the U.S. government survey plat, or must consist of a combination of these sections or lots. The bill also reduces the fee for a conversion petition. In addition, the bill shortens the period of time given DNR to approve or disapprove conversion petitions to approximately 20 months for petitions submitted by petitioners who own 1,000 or more acres of land in the state and to approximately 22 months for petitions submitted by petitioners who own less than 1,000 acres in the state.

SECTION 1. 77.82 (1) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 77.82 (1) (c) (intro.) and

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amended to read:

77.82 (1) (c) In addition to the requirements under pars. (a) and (b), for land subject to a petition under sub. (4m), all the forest croplands owned by the petitioner on the date on for which the petition is submitted that are located in the municipality for which the petition is submitted shall be included in the petition. shall consist of one or a combination of any for more of the following:

SECTION 2. 77.82 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

77.82 (1) (c) 1. A quarter quarter section.

SECTION 3. 77.82 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes is created to read.

77.82 (1) (c) 2. A government lot as determined by the U.S. government survey plat.

SECTION 4. 77.82 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

77.82 (1) (c) 3. A fractional lot as determined by the U.S. government survey plat.

SECTION 5. 77.82 (4m) (bn) of the statutes is amended to read:

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77.82 (4m) (bn) A petition under this subsection shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable  $$100 \underline{$20}$  application fee which shall be deposited in the conservation fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.370 (1) (cr).

History: 1985 a. 29; 1989 a. 31; 1993 a. 16, 131; 301, 491; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27, 35, 237.

SECTION 6. 77.82 (4m) (e) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 7. 77.82 (7) (d) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

77.82 (7) (d) If a petition that is submitted under sub. (4m) pis received on or before January 31 of any year from a petitioner who owns less than 1,000 acres in this state or on or before March 31 of any year from any other petitioner, the department shall investigate and shall either approve the petition and issue the order under sub. (8) or deny the petition on or before the following November 21 of the following year.



STEPHEN H. MILLER

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February 13, 2002

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Representative Hubler

From:

Mary Gibson-Glass, Scnior Legislative Attorney

Rc:

LRB-4783/2 Conversion of forest croplands to managed forest lands

The attached draft was prepared at your request. Please review it carefully to ensure that it is accurate and satisfies your intent. If it does and you would like it jacketed for introduction, please indicate below for which house you would like the draft jacketed and return this memorandum to our office. If you have any questions about jacketing, please call our program assistants at 266-3561. Please allow one day for jacketing.

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If you have any questions concerning the attached draft, or would like to have it redrafted, please contact me at (608) 267-3215 or at the address indicated at the top of this memorandum.

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