

2003 SENATE BILL 349

December 17, 2003 – Introduced by Senators WELCH and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives HINES, ALBERS and GRONEMUS. Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.245 (1) (f) and 44.16 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
2 expenditure by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin of an amount equal to
3 two times the amount of contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests received for
4 the Circus World Museum, not to exceed \$1,500,000, for the operation,
5 management, maintenance, and development of the Circus World Museum and
6 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (Historical Society) owns various historic sites, including the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, which is operated by the Circus World Museum Foundation, Inc., under a lease agreement with the Historical Society.

This bill appropriates to the Historical Society a sum sufficient of general purpose revenues in an amount equal to two times the amount of contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests received by the Circus World Museum Foundation, Inc., and by the Wisconsin Historical Foundation, Inc., for the Circus World Museum in each fiscal year, but not to exceed, \$1,500,000, and requires the Historical Society to expend the amount appropriated in each fiscal year for the operation, management, maintenance, and development of the Circus World Museum.

