

2003 Assembly Bill 9

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2003 WISCONSIN ACT 57

AN ACT to create 26.30 (6m) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing the establishment of a program for the suppression of gypsy moths, specifying areas eligible, and notification required, for aerial insecticide treatment for the suppression of gypsy moths, and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 26.30 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

26.30 (6m) GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION. (a) If the department establishes a program for the suppression of gypsy moths, and that program includes the awarding and administering of federal cost-sharing funds to counties for aerial insecticide treatment, the department shall promulgate rules to implement the program. The rules shall specify that an area is not eligible for aerial insecticide treatment under the program unless the area is at least 20 compact and contiguous acres in size.

(ag) The rules promulgated under par. (a) shall require that an eligible applicant for funding provide notification to landowners and tenants within the eligible proposed treatment blocks and within an area surrounding those blocks to be determined by the applicant. Notification under this paragraph shall include all of the following:

1. Publication of a class 1 notice under ch. 985 in a local newspaper at least 10 days before a deadline, as designated by the applicant for funding in the notice, for reg-

istering an objection by a landowner or tenant to treatment on the land under the landowner's or tenant's control.

2. Issuance of a press release at least 10 days before the deadline for objections under subd. 1. that announces the public meeting under subd. 3.

3. Holding of a public meeting by the applicant for funding at least 7 days before the deadline for objections under subd. 1.

(ar) The published notice and press release under par. (ag) shall provide information on the location of proposed treatment blocks, the insecticide to be used, the approximate timing of treatment, the method for registering an objection to the treatment of property, and the name, address, and phone number of the applicant for funding or the applicant's designee.

(av) The published notice under par. (ag) 1. and the press release under par. (ag) 2. shall state, and a statement shall be made at the public meeting under par. (ag) 3., that all of the following apply:

1. If a landowner or tenant registers a timely objection to treatment on land under the landowner's or tenant's control, the applicant for funding may not treat that land.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2001-02 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

2. If a landowner or tenant does not register a timely objection to treatment on land under the landowner's or tenant's control, the applicant for funding may treat that land.

(b) Subsections (7) to (10) do not apply to a gypsy moth suppression program established under this subsection.
