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2003 Wisconsin Act 208
[2003 Assembly Bill 791]

Harbor Assistance Program

2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/

Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

Under **current law**, the Department of Transportation (DOT), in consultation with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, administers a Harbor Assistance Program. Under the program, an eligible applicant may be awarded a grant to partially reimburse the applicant for expenses incurred in making certain harbor improvements. Eligible applicants include counties, cities, villages, towns, and boards of harbor commissioners.

Under **2003 Wisconsin Act 208**, a person who owns a harbor facility is also eligible for a grant under the Harbor Assistance Program. However, DOT may only award a grant for improvement of a privately owned harbor facility if the harbor facility will be held open for public use for at least 10 years after it is improved. If the privately owned harbor facility is not so held open, the grant recipient must repay the grant funds to the extent and in the manner directed by DOT.

Effective Date: The effective date of 2003 Wisconsin Act 208 is April 23, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.