



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 971

March 11, 2004 - Introduced by Representatives BOYLE, HUBLER, J. LEHMAN, MUSSER, M. WILLIAMS, PETTIS, VRUWINK and ALBERS, cosponsored by Senator LASSA. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **AN ACT to create** 84.04 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** holding a public hearing
2 on a proposed closing of a wayside.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) may construct and maintain waysides along, or in close proximity with, state trunk highways. DOT also has the discretion of closing an existing wayside.

This bill requires DOT to hold a public hearing before it decides to close an existing wayside. The public hearing shall be advertised and shall be held in a courthouse or other public place in or near the region that would be affected by the proposed closing.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 84.04 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:
4 84.04 (2m) If the department determines that it may be necessary to close a
5 wayside, the department shall hold a public hearing on the matter in a courthouse
6 or other convenient public place in or near the region to be affected by the proposed

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1 closing. The public hearing shall be advertised and held as are state trunk highway
2 change hearings. The department shall consider and evaluate the testimony
3 presented at the public hearing before determining that it will close a wayside.

4 (END)