

## 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 732

October 6, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives ALBERS, BERCEAU, FREESE and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 20.370 (1) (mw), 27.01 (10) (i) and 27.017 of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** an additional camping fee for Mirror Lake State Park for water  
3             quality improvement grants for the lake, granting rule-making authority, and  
4             making an appropriation.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Currently, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to charge certain fees for resident and nonresident camping at state parks, depending on the classification type of the campground. For example, the resident fee for camping one night at a type A campground is \$8, while a nonresident pays \$10. In addition, DNR has authority to charge an additional fee of \$1 for residents or up to \$1.75 for nonresidents, \$1 per pet at the campsite, and \$1 more per night for camping on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday night. Current law also allows DNR to increase these rates where local market conditions justify higher camping fees. DNR may waive camping fees for certain classes of persons or charge special fees for certain groups or persons.

This bill allows DNR to charge an additional \$5 per night camping fee for persons who camp at Mirror Lake State Park. The money received from this additional fee must be used for a grant program to a nonprofit organization whose membership consists of at least one-half of the owners of lakefront property on Mirror Lake. The grant must be used to protect and improve the water quality in Mirror Lake. The organization receiving a grant must provide 20 percent of the cost of the project.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.370 (1) (mw) of the statutes is created to read:

2           20.370 (1) (mw) *Mirror Lake water quality improvement fee.* All moneys  
3 received from the additional camping fee charged under s. 27.01 (10) (i) for the  
4 payments of grants under s. 27.017.

5           **SECTION 2.** 27.01 (10) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

6           27.01 (10) (i) In addition to the camping fee authorized under par. (d), the  
7 department shall charge an additional camping fee of \$5 per night per camping party  
8 at Mirror Lake State Park. If the camping fee for Mirror Lake State Park is waived  
9 by the department or a special fee is charged under par. (f) instead of the regular  
10 camping fee, the department may not charge the additional camping fee of \$5. If the  
11 department charges an additional camping fee for Mirror Lake State Park under par.  
12 (g), the department shall also charge the additional camping fee of \$5 under this  
13 paragraph.

14           **SECTION 3.** 27.017 of the statutes is created to read:

15           **27.017 Mirror Lake improvement program. (1)** The department shall  
16 establish a grant program to protect and improve the water quality in Mirror Lake.  
17 The grants shall be made from the appropriation account under s. 20.370 (1) (mw).

18           **(2)** The department shall make a grant under this program to an incorporated,  
19 nonprofit membership organization whose membership consists of at least one-half  
20 of the owners of lakefront property on Mirror Lake.

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1           **(3)** The department may make a grant under this program to provide funding  
2           for feasibility studies, planning costs, and projects related to the long-term  
3           improvement of the water quality and aquatic environment of Mirror Lake. The  
4           department may make a grant under this program to provide funding for debt service  
5           for feasibility studies, planning costs, and projects that were commenced before the  
6           effective date of this subsection .... [revisor inserts date], if that feasibility study,  
7           planning, or project meets the criteria for a grant and the organization meets the  
8           requirements under sub. (2).

9           **(4)** To receive a grant under this program, an eligible organization shall provide  
10          20 percent of the total cost of the feasibility study, planning, or project.

11          **(5)** The department shall by rule establish the application process and the  
12          criteria necessary for a project to receive a grant under this program. The rule shall  
13          include a provision to allow a project to be completed over an extended period of time  
14          and to allow an eligible organization to make its required payments in installments.  
15          The rule shall require the department to include the factors under s. 33.16 (4) when  
16          establishing the criteria for a grant under this section.

17                                       **(END)**