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AN ACT *to amend* 28.11 (5) (a); and *to create* 28.11 (5m) (c) and 28.11 (5r) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** the plan period for county forest land use plans and eligibility for grants for county forest administrators and sustainable forestry.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

Section 1. 28.11 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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28.11 **(5)** (a) A On or before December 31, 2005, a comprehensive county forest land use plan shall be prepared for a 10–year 15–year period by the county forestry committee with the assistance of technical personnel from the department and other interested agencies, and shall be approved by the county board and the department. The plan shall include land use designations, land acquisition, forest protection, annual allowable timber harvests, recreational developments, fish and wildlife

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management activities, roads, silvicultural operations and operating policies and procedures; it shall include a complete inventory of the county forest and shall be documented with maps, records and priorities showing in detail the various projects to be undertaken during the plan period. The plan may include an application for aids under s. 23.09 (17m). The application will be considered an annual application for these aids during the 10–year 15–year period of the plan. The initial plan shall be completed within 2 years from October 2, 1963 and may be revised as changing conditions require and shall be revised upon expiration of the plan period. Upon the expiration of the initial 15–year plan period, and upon expiration of each subsequent 15–year plan period, the plan shall be revised and shall be in effect for another 15–year period. If a plan under this paragraph is not revised upon expiration of the 15–year plan period, or if a plan under s. 28.11 (5) (a), 2003 stats., is not revised on or before December 31, 2005, that plan shall remain in effect until such time as that plan is revised and the revised plan takes effect.

SECTION 2. 28.11 (5m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

28.11 **(5m)** (c) The department may choose not to make a grant to a county under this subsection if the county board for that county is more than one year delinquent in approving a comprehensive county forest land use plan or revised plan under sub. (5) (a).

SECTION 3. 28.11 (5r) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

28.11 (5r) (c) The department may choose not to make a grant to a county under this subsection if the county board for that county is more than one year delinquent in approving a comprehensive county forest land use plan or revised plan under sub. (5) (a).