



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 198

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current law authorizes a county to assign to a third party the right to foreclose on certain brownfield property that is tax delinquent to promote the cleanup and reuse of the property. A brownfield is defined as any abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial property that has not been expanded or redeveloped because of actual or perceived environmental contamination.

Senate Bill 198 adds abandoned residential property to the definition of brownfield for purposes of the statute authorizing assignment of tax delinquent brownfield property. However, the bill removes the environmental contamination element from the definition, both for industrial and commercial property and for residential property.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 more accurately reflects the intent of the original bill by retaining in the definition of brownfield property the following element: “the expansion or redevelopment of which is adversely affected by actual or perceived environmental contamination.” This element of the definition applies to both commercial and industrial property and to residential property.

Legislative History

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Kanavas on June 14, 2005. On October 20, 2005, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation recommended adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and passage of Senate Bill 198, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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