

2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 641

December 21, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives FRISKE, GUNDERSON, GRONEMUS, MURSAU, MEYER, NERISON, M. WILLIAMS, BIES, TOWNSEND, HAHN, BALLWEG, LEMAHIEU, MUSSER and MONTGOMERY, cosponsored by Senator ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 23.37 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring the Department
2 of Natural Resources to grant easements over certain lands.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to grant to a landowner an easement over land under DNR's jurisdiction or control (DNR land) to allow the landowner access to his or her own land. Under the bill, a landowner is entitled to an easement if the landowner was permitted a way of access over the DNR land by DNR's predecessor in interest in the land and if DNR acquired the land for recreational use by the public. The bill generally requires the landowner to make a request to DNR for an easement within a year after DNR acquired the land. Under the bill, DNR may require the landowner to furnish written evidence that the landowner was permitted a way of access over the DNR land by the department's predecessor in interest.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 23.37 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **23.37 Easement for access to land. (1)** In this section, "department land"
5 means land under the jurisdiction or control of the department.

