



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 532

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

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Under *current law*, counties are required by statute to regulate private sewage systems. These regulatory responsibilities include the review and approval of applications for sanitary permits, the inspection of all private sewage systems after construction but before backfilling, and investigation of violations of the county private sewage system ordinance.

Assembly Bill 532 creates a restriction on county employees who have responsibilities related to private sewage systems. These employees may not conduct any soil testing (other than review of soil tester reports for private sewage system installations), install, maintain, or repair sewage systems, sell private sewage systems or prepare designs for private sewage systems. This new restriction has a seven-month delayed effective date.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 532 provides that the restrictions created by the bill, as described above, do not apply to activities performed by a county employee on property owned by that employee if the property is located outside of the county for which the individual works.

Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Bill 532 narrows the scope of the bill so that the restriction on county employees applies in the county in which the employee is employed or in an adjacent county. As a result, the county employee could do work related to private sewage systems beyond those counties.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Gunderson on October 18, 2007. The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on January 7, 2008 by a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on January 7, 2008 by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 5.

Assembly Amendment 2 was adopted by the Assembly by a voice vote on February 28, 2008.

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