



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 607

Assembly Amendment 1

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2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 607

Under Assembly Bill 607, land on which one or more wind turbines are located would be eligible for inclusion in the Managed Forest Land (MFL) program if the wind turbines do not interfere with sound forestry practices on that land.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 would require wind turbines on MFL land to be primarily used to generate electricity for residential use on the parcel on which the turbines are sited or an adjoining parcel under the same ownership. The amendment also limits the amount of a MFL parcel that can be rendered unsuitable for producing merchantable timber because of siting of wind turbines to not more than 10% of the parcel. Under the amendment, this bill would not apply to land on which one or more wind turbines are sited if the turbines are not used to generate electricity for residential use for a period of 12 or more months.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Hahn. The Assembly Committee on Biofuels and Sustainable Energy recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0, and passage of Assembly Bill 607, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes 4.

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