AN ACT to create 30.77 (3) (f) of the statutes; relating to: fees to support water safety patrols.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes a municipality, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, or town sanitary district to charge boat operators a reasonable fee for the use of a public boat launching facility that the municipality or district owns or operates.

This bill authorizes a municipality, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, or town sanitary district to charge a boat operator who is using a public boat launching facility that the municipality or district owns or operates an additional fee to support a water safety patrol that the municipality or district operates. The fee may not exceed 20 percent of the fee for daily resident vehicle admission to a state park.

For further information see the local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 30.77 (3) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

30.77 (3) (f) Notwithstanding the prohibition in sub. (1) (b) against ordinances or local regulations that exclude any boat from the free use of the waters of the state,
a municipality, a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, or a town sanitary district that has in effect an ordinance under par. (am) may charge a boat operator using a public boat launching facility that the municipality or district owns or operates a fee, of not more than 20 percent of the amount specified in s. 27.01 (7) (f) 2., for the municipality’s or district’s costs of operating or maintaining a water safety patrol unit, as defined in s. 30.79 (1) (b). The fee under this paragraph may be charged in addition to any fee authorized to be charged under par. (e) 1. a.

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