

### Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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**LRB Number** 09-4583/1      **Introduction Number** AB-0942

**Description**  
The operation of motor vehicles on the exposed beds of outlying waters to control Phragmites australis

**Fiscal Effect**

- State:**
- No State Fiscal Effect
  - Indeterminate
    - Increase Existing Appropriations
    - Decrease Existing Appropriations
    - Create New Appropriations
  - Increase Existing Revenues
  - Decrease Existing Revenues
  - Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
    - Yes
    - No
  - Decrease Costs

- Local:**
- No Local Government Costs
  - Indeterminate
    - 1.  Increase Costs
    - 2.  Decrease Costs
    - 3.  Increase Revenue
    - 4.  Decrease Revenue
  - Permissive  Mandatory
  - Permissive  Mandatory
  - Permissive  Mandatory
  - Permissive  Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
- Towns
  - Counties
  - School Districts
  - Village
  - Others
  - WTCS Districts
  - Cities

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR  
  FED  
  PRO  
  PRS  
  SEG  
  SEGS 20.370 (4)(bi)

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates an additional exemption authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle on the exposed beds of outlying waters (Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and other outlying waters defined under s. 29.001(63), Wis Stats) , in order to destroy or prevent the spread of the invasive species *Phragmites australis* if the operation of the motor vehicle is in compliance with certain requirements.

#### State Fiscal Effect

In order to estimate the state fiscal effect, the Department queried its waterway and wetland permit database to ascertain the number of general permits and individual permits that were issued for the use of motor vehicles on outlying waters to control *Phragmites*.

General permits, which cost \$50, became available for this activity in August 2008. Landowners applied for 40 permits in FY09, the first full fiscal year for the permit. Sales of the permit generated \$2,000 in revenue. Assuming that 40 general permits per year is typical, the exemption that is authorized in the bill will result in an annual reduction of \$2,000 in general permit revenue.

Individual permits, which cost \$500, are also available for landowners if they do not meet the standards for applying for a general permit. From FY07 through FY09 the Department received a total of 20 permit applications, resulting in a 3-year average of 7 permits. Assuming that 7 permits per year is typical, the exemption that is authorized in the bill will result in an annual reduction of \$3,500 in individual permit revenue. The estimated loss in individual permit revenue could be mitigated to the extent that landowners seek eligibility for a less expensive general permit.

The total estimated permit revenue reduction would be \$5,500 (\$2,000 general permits + \$3,500 individual permits).

#### Other State Fiscal Impacts

The Department queried the Law Enforcement database to ascertain the amount of fines that were generated by illegal operation of a motor vehicle on lake bed, Wis Stats 30.29(2). There were 39 violations in FY07, which resulted in citations totaling \$6,655. There were 30 violations in FY08, which resulted in citations totaling \$5,022. This results in a 2-year average of \$5,838 in fines. There were 22 additional citations in FY08 and 20 citations in FY09 for which the Department does not have fine amounts. Assuming that \$5,838 in fines is a typical annual amount for lake bed violations, the bill would reduce annual state revenue generated from citations by \$5,838.

The Department's workload impact associated with this bill could vary according to how well the public understands what the proposed exemption is, where it applies and what activities it relates to. There may be a period of time when the number of violations may increase and directly affect Department staff workload.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>		
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		
<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>		
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		-5,500
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$-5,500</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>		
	State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$-5,500	\$
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