DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

January 20, 2010

ATTN: BJ Dembach

There were significant changes to the state's railroad regulation statutes in 2005. See 2005 Wisconsin Acts 95 and 179. In particular, Act 179 included the repeal of numerous provisions that were considered inconsistent with federal law. In preparing this draft, I had some difficultly reconciling the instructions with the changes in Act 179 and also reconciling some portions of the instructions with other portions of the instructions. Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. As with the 2003 budget provisions on which this draft is partially based, the draft is timed to become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal biennium.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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