2011 SENATE BILL 402

January 26, 2012 – Introduced by Senator HARSDORF, cosponsored by Representatives RIPP, WYNN and SPANBAUER. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 283.60 (1) (intro.) and (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** the

2 waiver of requirements related to the discharge of water pollution for certain

3 research projects.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers laws relating to the discharge of pollutants into surface water or groundwater, including the requirement to obtain a water pollution discharge permit before beginning a discharge. Current law authorizes DNR to waive the requirement to obtain a water pollution discharge permit for a research project to evaluate advanced agricultural nutrient management tools if certain requirements are met. This bill authorizes DNR to waive any requirement of the laws relating to the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state for such a research project if the conditions are met.

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

4 SECTION 1. 283.60 (1) (intro.) and (c) of the statutes, as created by 2011

5 Wisconsin Act 32, are amended to read:

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SENATE BILL 402   **SECTION 1**

1   283.60 **(1)** (intro.)   The department may waive ~~the~~ <u>compliance with any</u>

2   requirement ~~for~~ <u>of this chapter or of</u> a permit <u>issued</u> under this chapter for a research

3   project for the purpose of evaluating advanced agricultural nutrient management

4   tools and precision agricultural technology, if all of the following conditions are met:

5   (c) The person who will operate the project agrees to take necessary actions to

6   maintain compliance with surface water and groundwater requirements under ch.

7   281 and this chapter, other than ~~the permitting~~ <u>a</u> requirement <u>waived under this</u>

8   <u>section</u>, and to take necessary actions to regain compliance with those requirements

9   if a violation occurs in the course of the project.

10   **(END)**