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☛ **10/31/2013 Public Hearing**

(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...
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2013-14

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**Committee on ...
Natural Resources
(SC-NR)**

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SB 277



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2013 Senate Bill 277 (LRB -2857)

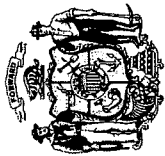
An Act to amend 26.08 (2) (a); and to create 26.08 (2) (c) of the statutes; relating to: authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to lease state forest land to the Boulder Junction Shooting Range for terms not exceeding 30 years. (FE)

2013

08-29.	S.	Introduced by Senators Tiffany and Grothman ; cosponsored by Representatives Swearingen, Czaja, Tittl, Sanfelippo, Marklein, Brooks, T. Larson, Bernier, Murtha, Kleefisch and Pridemore	344
08-29.	S.	Read first time and referred to Natural Resources	344
09-09.	S.	Fiscal estimate received	
10-31.	S.	Public hearing held	
11-07.	S.	Executive action taken	
11-07.	S.	Report passage recommended by Natural Resources, Ayes 5, Noes 0	473
11-07.	S.	Available for scheduling	

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04-08.	S.	Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1	844
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DATE: 10/31

BILL NO.: SB 277 / AB 359

OR

SUBJECT: _____

NAME: Tom Tiffany

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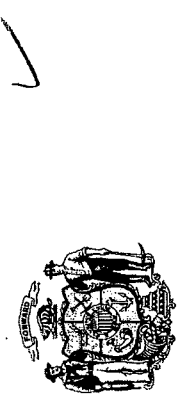
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NAME: Rep Rob Sweany

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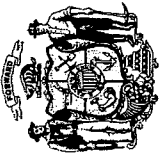
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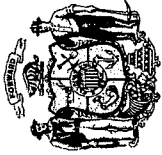
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NAME Michael R Keintz
 STREET ADDRESS OR ROUTE NUMBER 6473 Spruce Meadows Lane
Land O Lakes WI 54546
 CITY AND ZIP CODE
Boulder Junction Shooting Range
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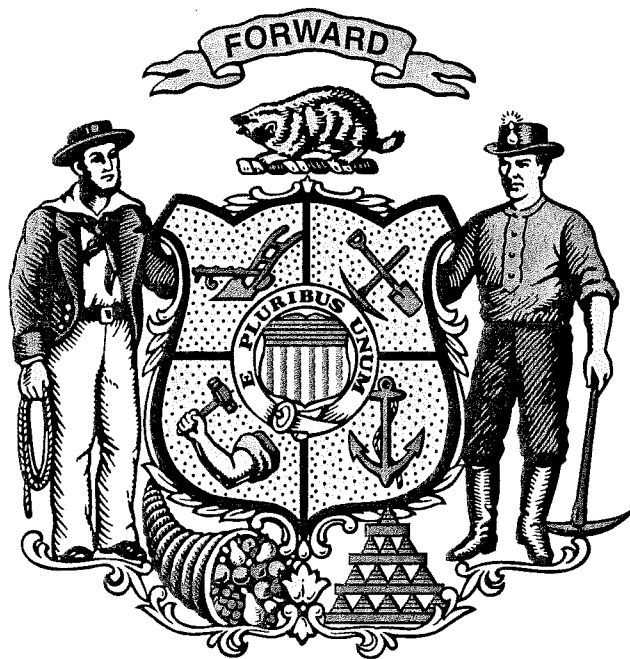
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NAME Roger Jones
 STREET ADDRESS OR ROUTE NUMBER 2119 Plum Creek Ave
Saint Germain WI 54558
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Boulder Junction Shooting Range
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Vote Record

Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation

Date: 11/7/13

Bill Number: SB 277

Moved by: TIFFANY Seconded by: MOULTON

Motion:

PASSAGE

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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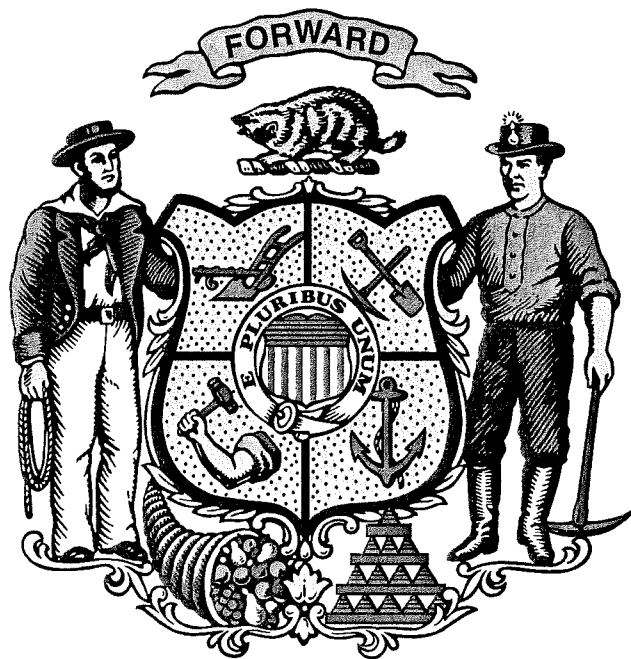
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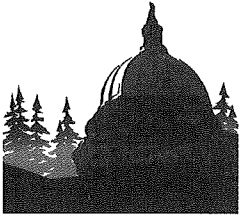
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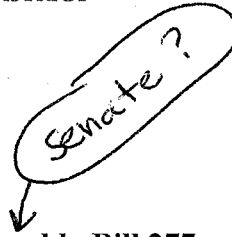


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Testimony for Assembly Bill 277 October 31st, 2013

I would like to thank Chairman Kedzie and the entire Senate Committee on Natural Resources for allowing me to testify on Senate Bill 277. Senator Tom Tiffany and I introduced this bill at the request of the Boulder Junction Shooting Range. This is a simple bill that is meant to amend current statutes to increase the number of years the Boulder Junction Shooting Range can lease state owned land from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

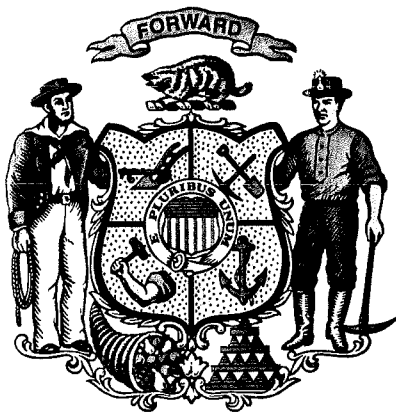
The shooting range is home to hunter educations courses, summer youth instruction, high school trap shooting leagues, DNR Turkey and Bear hunting clinics, boy scout and Lions club events, and is utilized by law enforcement agencies in Vilas County.

Currently the Boulder Junction Shooting Range has a 15-year lease with the DNR to use state owned land. The club's long range plans include enhancing and renovating the shooting range facility to provide more activities for outdoorsmen. The enhancements include improving handicap accessibility, installing a new septic system, and expanding the clubhouse and range. The group wants to make sure the land will be available for more than 15 years once resources are used to improve the shooting range

Under this bill, the current state statutes will be amended to allow the Boulder Junction Shooting Range to lease state owned lands for a period not exceeding 30 years. The DNR has permitted other facilities in the state within current state statutes to lease state owned lands for a period that does not to exceed 30 years. Facilities that have been exempted to enter into 30 year leases include:

- **Rib Mountain State Park Lands**
- **Willow River State Park Lands**
- **Boundaries of the Wisconsin Dells Natural Areas**
- **Kettle Moraine State Forest Land for the YMCA Camp Matawa Land**
- **North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters**

I'm hoping for the same strong bipartisan support that this legislation received in the Assembly. My companion bill, AB 359 was voted out of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage unanimously. Furthermore, AB 359 was approved by my colleagues on the Assembly floor by a unanimous voice vote.



My name is Mike Keintz, President of the Boulder Junction Shooting Range. With me are Pete Drahn, range Secretary & Roger Jones, Board Member.

Thank you for allowing us to speak on behalf of SB 277 today, which will allow the DNR to grant us a thirty year lease.

Who & what is BJSR. INC?

The range was established in 1974 on approximately 56 acres of land leased from the DNR.

The range is classified as a 501(c) (3) public charity by the IRS and has a Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exempt Status issued by the State of Wisconsin.

The range is open all year and offers a pistol range and rifle ranges with targets at 50, 100, 150, 200, and 300 yards free of charge to the public and is operated by an all-volunteer staff. We have 3 trap ranges, 2 skeet ranges and one 5-stand range. We have nearly ¼ of a million dollars invested in buildings and equipment; all purchased by individual membership fees and donations. We currently have 150 members plus their spouses and minor children.

Our mission is to provide a safe and supervised facility for the public to engage in shooting sports. As part of our mission, we teach firearms safety and responsible gun handling, and do so for free. We actively promote and further Wisconsin's outdoors sporting heritage and the conservation of natural resources in these tangible ways.

- **High School Trap League. In partnership with Northland Pines High School in Eagle River, we're currently sponsoring a weekly trap league with class instruction. These classes teach firearms safety, responsible gun handling, and shooting instruction. Targets are provided**

free to all students.

- **Summer Youth Shooting Instruction.** This is an ongoing program for new shooters, age 12-17, to learn gun safety and receive hands-on practice in clay target shooting from qualified instructors. Guns are provided for instruction and targets and ammunition are free. Parental participation is encouraged.
- **Hunter Education Courses.** We host this required training for hunters with qualified instructors, again free of charge. Under Wisconsin law, anyone born after January 1, 1973, must complete such a course to be licensed to hunt.
- **DNR Turkey and Bear Hunting Clinics.** Our grounds are used annually for this purpose.
- **Boy Scouts and Lion's Club Events.** The range serves as a safe and supervised venue for local organizations to hold shooting events.
- **Conservation Scholarships.** BJSR annually funds college scholarships for deserving students at Lakeland Union High School, with plans to continue his or her education in college-level courses in fields of study related to natural resources conservation.
- **Law Enforcement Agencies** such as the Vilas County Sheriff's Department and Wisconsin DNR Wardens use

BJSR facilities free of charge to qualify in shooting proficiency.

- **Beyond this, we host many family fun shoots, organized shooting leagues and donate funds for community causes in Vilas County, including The Community Food Pantry and Library.**

State Statutes restrict DNR leases of state forest land to 15 years, although exemptions in the statute for terms up to 30 years have been granted to other organizations, including one only a few miles from our range. Our current lease expires in 8 years. On July 11th of this year, Senator Tiffany, Pete and I met at the range with Scott Gunderson, Executive Assistant to DNR Secretary and Keith Warnke, DNR Hunting and Shooting Sports Coordinator. We expressed our desire to improve the facilities for use by the public and our intent to work with our delegation to extend our lease term. The DNR representatives supported both initiatives.

A 15-year lease is not an adequate term to amortize any significant capital improvements. Since the area does not have a large population, it is not feasible to publically raise the capital needed to develop major facility improvements. Our long term goals include expanding the clubhouse, improving handicap accessibility, installing a new well and septic system, and developing a sporting clays course. These improvements total many thousands of dollars, and funds would have to be borrowed from a commercial lender to finance them, or seek needed donations. Such financing requires a longer term lease. As an example, we had to replace one trap mechanism this year. It cost \$8,500 for just one machine. (We have 7 of them.)

Our goal is to enter into a long-term lease with the DNR in

order to facilitate these improvements.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of SB 277.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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