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2015 SENATE BILL 131

April 20, 2015 – Introduced by Senators LEMAHIEU, LASEE, NASS, OLSEN and TIFFANY, cosponsored by Representatives KITCHENS, JACQUE, ALLEN, BALLWEG, E. BROOKS, CZAJA, EDMING, HORLACHER, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KRUG, MURPHY, A. OTT, QUINN and RIPP. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 895.519 of the statutes; **relating to:** immunity of private
2 campgrounds.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides immunity from civil liability to private campgrounds, to owners and operators of private campgrounds, and to their employees and agents. Under the bill, a private campground, an owner or operator of a private campground, and the employees and agents of that private campground or private campground owner or operator are immune from civil liability for property damage or for the death of or injury to an individual that is caused by or occurred during use of the campground, unless the property damage, death, or injury is caused by a willful or wanton act or omission of the owner or operator of the campground or of an employee or agent of the campground or campground owner or operator.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 895.519 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **895.519 Civil liability exemption; private campgrounds.** (1) In this
5 section, “private campground” means a facility that is issued a campground permit

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1 under s. 254.47 and that is owned and operated by a private property owner, as
2 defined in s. 895.52 (1) (e).

3 (2) A private campground, an owner or operator of a private campground, and
4 any employees and agents of a private campground or private campground owner or
5 operator are immune from civil liability for damage to property or for the death of or
6 injury to an individual that is caused by or occurred during the use of the
7 campground, unless the damage to property, death, or injury is caused by a willful
8 or wanton act or omission of the owner or operator of the campground or an employee
9 or agent of the campground or campground owner or operator.

10 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

11 (1) This act first applies to acts or omissions that occur on the effective date of
12 this subsection.

13 (END)