



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2015 Wisconsin Act 146 [2015 Senate Bill 104]	Shoreland Zoning for Town on Island in Lake Superior
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Wisconsin law requires each county to enact a shoreland zoning ordinance for shorelands in its unincorporated area. However, if an existing town ordinance related to shorelands is more restrictive than a county shoreland zoning ordinance enacted later and affecting the same shorelands, it continues as a town ordinance in all respects to the extent of the greater restrictions.

The Act creates an exception for a town ordinance of a town located entirely on an island in Lake Superior. Under the Act, if a town ordinance enacted by a town located entirely on an island in Lake Superior and authorized to exercise village powers is more restrictive than a county shoreland zoning ordinance, regardless of the order of enactment, the town ordinance applies in all respects to the extent of the greater restrictions.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.