AN ACT to create 895.528 of the statutes; relating to: an exemption from civil liability related to the placement of buoys or other markers in waterways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
This bill provides certain persons with immunity from civil liability for damage or injury caused by the placement of, or the failure to place, buoys or other markers in a waterway. Under the bill, a person is immune from civil liability if the person holds, or acts under the direction of a person who holds, a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources and the permit authorizes the placement of the buoys or markers for the purpose of identifying or marking hazards in the waterway.

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

SECTION 1. 895.528 of the statutes is created to read:

895.528 Civil liability exemption; placement of markers in waterways.

A person is immune from civil liability for damage or injury caused by placing, or failing to place, buoys or other markers in a waterway if all of the following apply:
(1) The person holds, or acts under the direction of a person who holds, a permit or other approval from the department of natural resources that authorizes the placement of the buoys or markers in the waterway.

(2) The permit or other approval described under sub. (1) authorizes placement of buoys or markers for the purpose of identifying or marking hazards in the waterway.