

State of Wisconsin



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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 69

AN ACT to amend 281.75 (7) (a); and to create 66.0626 of the statutes; relating to: local assistance for remediating contaminated wells and failing wastewater treatment systems and award limits for contaminated well grants.

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

SECTION 1. 66.0626 of the statutes is created to read:

66.0626 Special assessments or charges for contaminated well or wastewater system loans. (1) In this section:

(a) "Contaminated private water supply" has the meaning provided in s. 281.75 (1) (b).

(b) "Failing private on-site wastewater treatment system" has the meaning provided in s. 145.245 (4).

(c) "Political subdivision" means a city, village, town, or county.

(d) "Private on-site wastewater treatment system" has the meaning provided in s. 145.01 (12).

(e) "Private water supply" has the meaning provided in s. 281.75 (1) (f).

(f) "Well subject to abandonment" has the meaning provided in s. 281.75 (1) (i).

(2) A political subdivision or its designee may, with the agreement of the owner of the private water supply, well, or wastewater treatment system, remediate a contaminated private water supply, fill and seal a well subject to abandonment, or rehabilitate, replace, or abandon a failing private on-site wastewater treatment system, that is located in the political subdivision, or may make a loan

at or below the market interest rate, as defined in s. 281.59 (1) (b), including an interest-free loan, to the owner of a contaminated private water supply, a well subject to abandonment, or a failing private on-site wastewater treatment system, that is located in the political subdivision, for those purposes. If a political subdivision takes any of the actions under this subsection, the political subdivision may, as a special charge under s. 66.0627 or special assessment under s. 66.0703, recover the costs of the remediation, the filling and sealing, or the rehabilitation, replacement, or abandonment, or collect the loan repayment. Notwithstanding s. 66.0627 (4), a special charge imposed under this subsection may be collected in installments and may be included in the current or next tax roll for collection and settlement under ch. 74 even if the special charge is not delinquent.

SECTION 2. 281.75 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.75 (7) (a) If the department finds that the claimant meets all the requirements of this section and rules promulgated under this section and that the private water supply is contaminated or that the well is a well subject to abandonment, the department shall issue an award. The award may not pay more than 75 percent of the eligible costs. The award may not pay any portion of eligible costs in excess of ~~\$12,000~~ \$16,000.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."