2019 SENATE BILL 725

January 24, 2020 - Introduced by Senators BERNIER and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives SUMMERFIELD, BROOKS, ANDERSON, BALLWEG, DITTRICH, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, HORLACHER, KATSMA, KITCHENS, KNODL, KRUG, KULP, KURTZ, MURSAU, NOVAK, OLDENBURG, PETRYK, PLUMER, QUINN, RAMTHUN, SKOWRONSKI, SORTWELL, SWEARINGEN, TRANEL, ZIMMERMAN and BORN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

AN ACT to create 20.370 (4) (na) of the statutes; relating to: biomanipulation projects to improve the water quality of lakes and impoundments and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to provide grants to local water improvement groups to conduct projects using biomanipulation to improve the water quality of lakes and impoundments and appropriates $150,000 to DNR for that purpose.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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(4) ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

(na) Lake biomanipulation projects GPR B 150,000 -0-

SECTION 2. 20.370 (4) (na) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (4) (na) Lake biomanipulation projects. Biennially, from the general fund, the amounts in the schedule for grants under 2019 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 3 (1).


(1) In the 2019-21 fiscal biennium, from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (4) (na), the department of natural resources shall provide grants to local water improvement groups, selected through a competitive application process determined by the department, to conduct projects using biomanipulation, which shall include comprehensive fish studies, the removal of zooplanktivorous and benthivorous fish, and the introduction of piscivorous fish, to improve the water quality of lakes and impoundments identified on the impaired waters list prepared by the department as required under 40 CFR 130.7 (b). Grants under this subsection may cover 90 percent of the costs of biomanipulation projects.

(END)