2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 517

August 31, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives ARMSTRONG, TITTL, OHNSTAD, RAMTHUN, ROZAR, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, VANDERMEER, TUSLER and SKOWRONSKI, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, BEWLEY, FEYEN, JACQUE and PETROWSKI. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

1 **AN ACT** to renumber and amend 66.1105 (20m) (a) 1.; to amend 66.1106 (1)
2 (d); and to create 66.1105 (20m) (a) 1. b. of the statutes; relating to:
3 environmental pollution in an environmental remediation tax incremental
4 district.

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

Current law allows a city, village, town, or county to create an environmental remediation tax incremental district so that the tax increments generated by the district may be used to pay the costs of remediating environmental pollution on contiguous parcels of property that are located in the district. For purposes of an environmental remediation tax incremental district, “environmental pollution” means contaminating or rendering unclean or impure the air, land, or waters of the state, or making the air, land, or waters of the state injurious to public health, harmful for commercial or recreational use, or deleterious to fish, bird, animal, or plant life. This bill modifies that definition of “environmental pollution” so that it includes substances that if released into the air, land, or waters of the state due to the redevelopment of an existing structure would be harmful to public health or harmful for commercial or recreational use.
For further information see the 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. 66.1105 (20m) (a) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 66.1105 (20m) (a) 1. (intro.) and amended to read:

66.1105 (20m) (a) 1. (intro.) “Environmental pollution” has the meaning given means all of the following:

a. Environmental pollution, as defined in s. 299.01 (4).

SECTION 2. 66.1105 (20m) (a) 1. b. of the statutes is created to read:

66.1105 (20m) (a) 1. b. Substances that if released into the air, land, or waters of the state due to the redevelopment of an existing structure would be harmful to public health or harmful for commercial or recreational use.

SECTION 3. 66.1106 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.1106 (1) (d) “Environmental pollution” has the meaning given in s. 292.01 (4) 66.1105 (20m) (a) 1., except that “environmental pollution” does not include any damage caused by runoff from land under agricultural use.

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