AN ACT to amend 30.79 (5) of the statutes; relating to: boating enforcement aids and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county or municipality that operates a water safety patrol unit is eligible for an aid payment that is calculated on the basis of the costs that are directly attributable to the operation and maintenance of the water safety patrol unit. Aid payments are currently limited to 75 percent of these costs. This bill increases the aid payment limit to 80 percent of costs and increases funding for these aid payments by $545,000 in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

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. 30.79 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.79 (5) PAYMENT OF AIDS. On or before January 31 of the year following the year in which a local governmental unit operated a water safety patrol unit, it shall file with the department on the forms prescribed by it a detailed statement of the
costs incurred by the local governmental unit in the operation of the water safety
patrol unit during the past calendar year and of the receipts resulting from fines or
forfeitures imposed upon persons convicted of violations of ordinances enacted under
s. 30.77. The department shall audit the statement and determine the net costs that
are directly attributable to the operation and maintenance of the water safety patrol
unit, including a reasonable amount for depreciation of equipment. In calculating
the net costs, the department shall deduct any fines or forfeitures imposed on
persons convicted of violations of ordinances under s. 30.77 and any costs that do not
comply with the rules promulgated under sub. (2m). The department shall compute
the state aids on the basis of 75\% - 80\% percent of these net costs and shall cause the aids
to be paid on or before April 1 of the year in which the statements are filed. If the
state aids payable to local governmental units exceed the moneys available for such
purpose, the department shall prorate the payments. No local governmental unit
may receive state aid amounting to more than 20 percent of the funds available.

SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.

(1) ENFORCEMENT AIDS — BOATING ENFORCEMENT. In the schedule under s. 20.005
(3) for the appropriation to the department of natural resources under s. 20.370 (5)
(eq), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021–22 is increased by $545,000 to fund the
increase in the boating enforcement aids under s. 30.79 (5). In the schedule under
s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of natural resources under s.
20.370 (5) (eq), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $545,000
to fund the increase in the boating enforcement aids under s. 30.79 (5).

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