

1993 Senate Bill 275

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1993 WISCONSIN ACT 151

AN ACT *to create* 30.12 (3) (a) 2m, 30.12 (3) (bn) and 30.12 (3) (d) of the statutes, **relating to:** the placement of bird nesting platforms, wood duck houses and similar structures to improve wildlife habitat on the beds of navigable waters and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 30.12 (3) (a) 2m of the statutes is created to read:

30.12 (3) (a) 2m. Place a bird nesting platform, a wood duck house or similar structure on the bed of a navigable water for the purpose of improving wildlife habitat.

SECTION 1g. 30.12 (3) (bn) of the statutes is created to read:

30.12 (3) (bn) A riparian owner is exempt from the permit requirements under sub. (2) and this subsection for a structure specified under par. (a) 2m if the riparian owner places the structure in conformance with the standards established under par. (d) and if the riparian owner notifies the department in writing of the location of the structure at least 10 working days before it is placed.

SECTION 1m. 30.12 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

30.12 (3) (d) For purposes of par. (bn), the department shall promulgate rules to establish standards governing the placement of structures specified in par. (a) 2m.

SECTION 1r. Nonstatutory provisions. The department of natural resources shall submit the proposed rules required under section 30.12 (3) (d) of the statutes, as created by this act, to the legislative council staff for review under section 227.15 (1) of the statutes no later than the first day of the 10th month beginning after the effective date of this SECTION.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability. (1) The treatment of section 30.12 (3) (a) 2m of the statutes first applies to permit applications for bird nesting platforms, wood duck houses and similar structures to improve wildlife habitat that are submitted to the department of natural resources on the effective date of this subsection.

(2) The treatment of section 30.12 (3) (bn) of the statutes first applies to bird nesting platforms, wood duck houses and similar structures to improve wildlife habitat that are placed on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 3. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The treatment of section 30.12 (3) (bn) of the statutes and SECTION 2 (2) of this act take effect on the first day of the 13th month beginning after publication.