State of Misconsin



2021 Senate Bill 84

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT 67

AN ACT *to create* 145.245 (10m) of the statutes; and *to affect* 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, section 9439 (4t) and 2017 Wisconsin Act 331, section 97 (1); **relating to:** the private on–site wastewater treatment system replacement or rehabilitation grant program and a septage characterization study.

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

SECTION 1. 145.245 (10m) of the statutes is created to read:

145.245 (10m) DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE. The department shall prepare literature that describes the eligibility for receiving a grant under this section for a principal residence. The department shall supply the literature to counties, and counties shall distribute the literature to recipients of public benefits.

SECTION 2. 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, section 9439 (4t) is amended to read:

[2017 Wisconsin Act 59] Section 9439 (4t) PRIVATE ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT OR REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM; SUNSET. The treatment of sections 20.165 (2) (j) and (ke), 145.20 (5) (a) and (am), 145.245 (by Section 1655j), and 281.57 (7) (c) 1. of the statutes, the renumbering and amendment of section 145.01 (4m) of the statutes, and the creation of section 145.01 (4m) (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of the statutes take effect on June 30, 2021 2023.

SECTION 2d. 2017 Wisconsin Act 331, section 97 (1) is amended to read:

[2017 Wisconsin Act 331] Section 97 (1) The repeal and recreation of section 20.165 (2) (j) of the statutes takes effect on June 30, 2021 2023.

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

- (1) The authorized FTE positions for the department of safety and professional services are increased by 2.0 PR project positions for the period beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2023, to be funded from the appropriation under s. 20.165 (2) (j), for the purpose of conducting application and plan review under s. 145.19, evaluating requests for variances under s. 145.24, and carrying out the department's responsibilities under s. 145.20 (3), including all of the following:
- (a) Conducting reviews and audits of private on–site wastewater treatment system programs in governmental units responsible for the regulation of private on–site wastewater treatment systems.
 - (b) Providing training and informational programs.
- (c) Training new and existing staff of governmental units responsible for the regulation of private on–site wastewater treatment systems in conducting application and plan review under ss. 145.19 and 145.20 (2).
- (2) The department of safety and professional services shall fund a septage characterization study by the Department of Soil and Waste Resources of the College of Natural Resources of the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. The study shall analyze and make recommendations on practices to mitigate the risk of contamination of the state's groundwater and surface waters

^{*} 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."

through the strategic and data—driven application of septage at sites approved by the department of natural resources. The Department of Soil and Waste Resources of the College of Natural Resources of the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point shall prepare a report detailing the results of the study and shall submit the report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the manner provided under s. 13.172 (3) no later than December 31, 2022.