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SENATE AMENDMENT 2, TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2005 SENATE BILL 28

February 8, 2005 - Offered by Joint Committee on Finance.

At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

1. Page 8, line 19: after that line insert:

"Section 2m. 70.58 of the statutes is renumbered 70.58 (1) and amended to read:

70.58 (1) There Except as provided in sub. (2), there is levied an annual tax of two-tenths of one mill for each dollar of the assessed valuation of the property of the state as determined by the department of revenue under s. 70.57, for the purpose of acquiring, preserving and developing the forests of the state and for the purpose of forest crop law and county forest law administration and aid payments, for grants to forestry cooperatives under s. 36.56, and for the acquisition, purchase and development of forests described under s. 25.29 (7) (a) and (b), the proceeds of the tax to be paid into the conservation fund. The tax shall not be levied in any year in which

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general funds are appropriated for the purposes specified in this section, equal to or in excess of the amount which the tax would produce.

Section 2n. 70.58 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

70.58 (2) In each of 3 years beginning with the property tax assessments as of January 1 of the year of the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts date], the department of revenue shall adjust the rate of the tax imposed under this section so that the percentage increase from the previous year in the total amount levied under this section does not exceed 2.6 percent. The rate determined by the department of revenue for the property tax assessment as of January 1 of the 2nd year following the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts date], shall be the rate of the tax imposed under this section for all subsequent years.".

12 (END)