

State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0549/1 RNK:jld:jm

DOA:.....Byrnes, BB0197 - Ballast water discharge permit fee sunset

FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

Under current law, DNR may issue a general permit authorizing a vessel that is 79 feet or greater in length to discharge ballast water into the waters of the state. If DNR issues a general permit, DNR must charge a person who seeks coverage under the general permit a specified application fee and an annual fee. Current law establishes a sunset date of December 31, 2015, after which these fees do not apply. This bill eliminates that sunset date so that these fees continue to apply after December 31, 2015.

For further information see the *state* 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Section 1. 283.35 (1m) (c) of the statutes is repealed.