



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1029/P1
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DOA:.....Potts, BB0367 - Urban Forestry Grant Emergency Rule Writing
Authority

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

NATURAL RESOURCES

FORESTRY

Emergency rule making for the urban forestry grant program

Under current law, DNR administers an urban forestry grant program to provide grants to municipalities and nonprofit organizations to undertake various tree projects in urban areas.

This bill allows DNR to promulgate emergency rules to incorporate new priorities and categories of grants and recipients and to increase the minimum amount of urban forestry grants, without finding that an emergency exists or providing evidence that promulgating an emergency rule is necessary to preserve public peace, health, safety, or welfare.

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

SECTION 1. 23.097 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.097 (2) The department shall promulgate rules establishing criteria for awarding grants under this section. Using the procedure under s. 227.24, the department may promulgate emergency rules to incorporate new priorities and categories of grants and recipients under this section, and to increase the minimum amount of a grant awarded under this section. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating such an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for such an emergency rule.

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