



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1849/P1
MCP:cdc

DOA:.....Richter, BB0479 - Well notification fee

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

High capacity well approval fee

Under current law, no person may construct a high capacity well, which is a well with a capacity of more than 100,000 gallons per day, without prior approval of DNR and payment of a \$500 fee. This bill increases that fee to \$1,000.

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. 281.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.34 (2) APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR HIGH CAPACITY WELLS. Except as provided under sub. (2g), an owner shall apply to the department for approval before construction of a high capacity well begins. Except as provided under sub. (2g), no person may construct or withdraw water from a high capacity well without the approval of the department under this section or under s. 281.17 (1), 2001 stats. An owner applying for approval under this subsection shall pay a fee of ~~\$500~~ \$1,000.

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