



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1938/P2

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DOA:.....Richter, BB0528 - Winter road safety improvement grant program

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

Winter road safety improvement grant program

This bill requires DNR to administer a program to provide grants to municipalities for eligible expenditures for equipment critical to winter road safety. The bill requires DNR to promulgate rules necessary to administer the program, including rules that specify criteria for determining eligible recipients and expenditures.

For further information see the state and local 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. 20.370 (6) (aa) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (6) (aa) *Environmental aids – winter road safety improvement.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for grants under the winter road safety improvement grants program under s. 281.73.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 281.73 of the statutes is created to read:

281.73 Winter road safety improvement grants. (1) The department shall develop and administer a program to provide financial assistance to municipalities for eligible expenditures for equipment critical to winter road safety.

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(2) An individual grant awarded under this section may not exceed \$75,000.

(3) The department shall promulgate rules necessary to administer this section, including rules that specify criteria for determining eligible recipients and expenditures, which shall include expenditures for live-edge blades, salt spreader control systems, brine mixers, and structural upgrades to salt storage facilities to prevent ground water contamination.

(4) From the appropriation under s. 20.370 (6) (aa), the department may award grants to eligible recipients for eligible expenditures under this section.

(END)