



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 716

December 6, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives HUTCHISON, FREESE, GARD, KREUSER, LORGE, OTT, OWENS and SILBAUGH, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 59.23 (11); and **to create** 20.505 (1) (cm) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** reimbursement to counties for water rescue and recovery services
3 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a sheriff is directed to do so by the county board, he or she is required to conduct operations in county waters for the rescue of human beings and for the recovery of human bodies. Under this bill, the department of administration is required to reimburse counties for the costs incurred in conducting these water rescue and recovery operations.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.505 (1) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:
5 20.505 (1) (cm) *Water rescue reimbursements.* A sum sufficient to make the
6 payments to counties under s. 59.23 (11).
7 **SECTION 2.** 59.23 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:
8 59.23 (11) Conduct operations within the county and, when the county board
9 so provides, in waters of which the county has jurisdiction under s. 2.04 for the rescue

1 of human beings and for the recovery of human bodies. If a sheriff's department
2 incurs costs for the water rescue of human beings or for the recovery from water of
3 human bodies, the department of administration shall reimburse the county, from
4 the appropriation under s. 20.505 (1) (cm), for the costs if the sheriff submits written
5 evidence of the costs incurred in a form that is acceptable to the department of
6 administration.

7 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

8 (1) This act first applies to a water rescue of a human being or the recovery from
9 water of a human body on the effective date of this subsection.

10 (END)