



1995 SENATE BILL 179

May 3, 1995 - Introduced by COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.
Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy.

1 **AN ACT to create** 23.0915 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of funds under
2 the stewardship program for golf courses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes the state to incur public debt for program activities under the stewardship program, which is administered by the department of natural resources (DNR). One of the activities authorized under the stewardship program is land acquisition for certain purposes. Under rules for the program promulgated by DNR, the state may incur public debt to provide moneys to local units of government for the acquisition of land for golf courses but not for the development of golf courses. With one exception, this bill prohibits the state from incurring public debt under the stewardship program for the purchase of land for golf courses and also for the development of golf courses. The exception is for an application for funding the acquisition of land for a golf course that was made before April 1, 1995, and whose funding was approved by DNR before April 10, 1995.

This bill is introduced as required by s. 227.26 (2) (f), stats., in support of the action of the joint committee for review of administrative rules in suspending section NR 50.16 (7) (g), Wis. adm. code, a rule of DNR, on March 23, 1996. The suspended rule provided for the incurring of state public debt under the stewardship program for the acquisition of land for golf courses.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 23.0915 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

1 23.0915 **(1m)** PROHIBITIONS ON EXPENDITURES. The department may not expend
2 moneys from the appropriation under s. 20.866 (2) (tz) for the acquisition of land for
3 golf courses or for the development of golf courses, except that this subsection does
4 not apply to a project for the acquisition of land for a golf course for which an
5 application for funding for all or part of the land under this section was made before
6 April 1, 1995, and for which the department has approved funding for acquisition of
7 all or part of the land under this section before April 10, 1995.

8 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) This act first applies to moneys encumbered or expended from the
10 appropriation under section 20.866 (2) (tz) of the statutes on the effective date of this
11 subsection.

12 **(END)**