



1995 SENATE BILL 40

January 24, 1995 – Introduced by Senators RUDE, LEEAN and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives FREESE, JENSEN and BRANDEMUEHL. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 44.20 (1m); and **to amend** 44.02 (5) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** fees for admission to historic sites.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law establishes a schedule of fees to be collected by the state historical society for admission to the following historic sites: Old World Wisconsin, Madeline Island, Pendarvis, Stonefield Village, Villa Louis and Old Wade House. The historical society is prohibited from collecting any group child admission fee for admission to any historic site owned and operated by the historical society.

This bill eliminates the specific schedule of fees and the prohibition on group child admission fees. The bill permits the historical society to establish and collect a fee for admission to these historic sites.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 44.02 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 44.02 (5) Keep its main library and museum rooms open at all reasonable hours
5 on business days for the reception of the residents of this state who may wish to visit
6 the library or museum. Except as provided under sub. (5m) and s. 44.20 (1m), the
7 historical society may collect a fee for admission to historic sites or buildings
8 acquired, leased or operated by the historical society, including areas within state

1 parks or on other state-owned lands which incorporate historic buildings,
2 restorations, museums or remains and which are operated by the historical society
3 by agreement with the department of natural resources or other departments, or for
4 lectures, pageants or similar special events, or for admission to defray the costs of
5 special exhibits in its several buildings of documents, objects or other materials not
6 part of the historical society's regular collections but brought in on loan from other
7 sources for such special exhibitions. The historical society may procure and sell or
8 otherwise dispose of postcards, souvenirs and other appropriate merchandise to help
9 defray the costs of operating its several plants and projects.

10 **SECTION 2.** 44.20 (1m) of the statutes is repealed.

11 (END)