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## 1999 SENATE BILL 179

May 27, 1999 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, RUDE, WIRCH, ROESSLER, CHVALA and BURKE, cosponsored by Representatives FREESE, HOVEN, VRAKAS, TURNER, SCHNEIDER and LADWIG. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

1     AN ACT **to amend** 20.855 (3) (title) and 20.866 (2) (y); and **to create** 13.90 (9),  
2         16.838 and 20.855 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing the  
3         completion of the capitol restoration project, historically significant  
4         furnishings, granting bonding authority and making appropriations.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill increases the general fund supported bonding authority of the building commission by \$59,500,000 and enumerates the authorization of the completion of the capitol restoration project in the 1997–99 authorized state building program.

Currently, some furnishings that are or were associated with the current state capitol or a prior capitol and that have historical significance have been temporarily relocated outside of the capitol building to permit restoration of the building. Other such furnishings are in the possession of state agencies or authorities, or other persons.

This bill vests title in the department of administration (DOA) to all furnishings that are or were associated with the current capitol building or a prior capitol and that have historical significance if the furnishings are in the possession of any state agency or authority. The bill also permits the joint committee on legislative organization to direct DOA to take possession of any such furnishing. The bill permits DOA to acquire by purchase or gift any furnishing that has historical significance and that was associated with the current or a prior capitol. The bill permits DOA to restore any furnishing in its possession if so directed by the committee. Under the bill, DOA is directed to locate furnishings at the places in the

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capitol specified by the committee. The bill directs DOA to procure suitable replacement furnishings for any furnishings which DOA takes from state agencies or authorities. The bill appropriates a sum sufficient from general purpose revenue to carry out the functions vested in DOA by the bill.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 13.90 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

2           13.90 (9) The joint committee on legislative organization may direct the  
3 department of administration to take possession of any furnishing to which the  
4 department has title under s. 16.838 (2), to restore any furnishing in the  
5 department's possession, if necessary, and to locate any such furnishing at the place  
6 in the capitol building specified by the committee.

7           **SECTION 2.** 16.838 of the statutes is created to read:

8           **16.838 Historically significant furnishings.** (1) **DEFINITIONS.** In this  
9 section:

10           (a) "Agency" has the meaning given in s. 16.045 (1) (a).

11           (b) "Authority" means a body created under ch. 231, 232, 233, 234 or 235.

12           (c) "Historically significant furnishings" means furniture, fixtures, decorative  
13 objects or other items that are or were associated with the current or any prior state  
14 capitol and that possess historical significance.

15           (2) **TITLE.** Title to historically significant furnishings in the possession of any  
16 agency or authority, including the senate and assembly, is vested in the department.

17           (3) **ACQUISITION.** The department may acquire any historically significant  
18 furnishing by purchase or gift. The department shall pay for any such furnishing  
19 from the appropriation under s. 20.855 (3) (c).

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1           **(4) TRANSFER OF POSSESSION.** The department shall take possession of  
2 historically significant furnishings to which the department has title whenever the  
3 department is directed to do so by the joint committee on legislative organization.  
4 If a ceding agency or authority requires a replacement for a furnishing that is  
5 transferred to the department's possession, the department shall pay for a suitable  
6 replacement from the appropriation under s. 20.855 (3) (c).

7           **(5) RESTORATION.** The department shall restore any historically significant  
8 furnishing in its possession prior to relocation of the furnishing to the capitol if the  
9 joint committee on legislative organization so directs. The department shall pay the  
10 cost of such restoration from the appropriation under s. 20.855 (3) (c).

11          **(6) LOCATION.** The department shall locate historically significant furnishings  
12 in its possession at the places in the capitol specified by the joint committee on  
13 legislative organization.

14          **SECTION 3.** 20.855 (3) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

15          20.855 (3) (title) RELOCATION CAPITOL RENOVATION EXPENSES.

16          **SECTION 4.** 20.855 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

17          20.855 (3) (c) *Historically significant furnishings.* A sum sufficient for the  
18 acquisition, restoration and replacement by the department of administration of  
19 historically significant furnishings under s. 16.838.

20          **SECTION 5.** 20.866 (2) (y) of the statutes is amended to read:

21          20.866 (2) (y) *Building commission; housing state departments and agencies.*

22          From the capital improvement fund, a sum sufficient to the building commission for  
23 the purpose of housing state departments and agencies. The state may contract  
24 public debt in an amount not to exceed \$259,727,600 \$319,227,600 for this purpose.

25          **SECTION 6. Nonstatutory provisions; building commission.**

