



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 766

December 9, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives LOUDENBECK, DUCHOW, AUGUST, ARMSTRONG, DITTRICH, MOSES, PLUMER, SKOWRONSKI and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, NASS and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 30.79 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** boating enforcement aids
2 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county or municipality that operates a water safety patrol unit is eligible for an aid payment that is calculated on the basis of the costs that are directly attributable to the operation and maintenance of the water safety patrol unit. Aid payments are currently limited to 75 percent of these costs. This bill increases the aid payment limit to 80 percent of costs and increases funding for these aid payments by \$545,000 in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

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.** 30.79 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 30.79 (5) PAYMENT OF AIDS. On or before January 31 of the year following the
5 year in which a local governmental unit operated a water safety patrol unit, it shall
6 file with the department on the forms prescribed by it a detailed statement of the

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1 costs incurred by the local governmental unit in the operation of the water safety
2 patrol unit during the past calendar year and of the receipts resulting from fines or
3 forfeitures imposed upon persons convicted of violations of ordinances enacted under
4 s. 30.77. The department shall audit the statement and determine the net costs that
5 are directly attributable to the operation and maintenance of the water safety patrol
6 unit, including a reasonable amount for depreciation of equipment. In calculating
7 the net costs, the department shall deduct any fines or forfeitures imposed on
8 persons convicted of violations of ordinances under s. 30.77 and any costs that do not
9 comply with the rules promulgated under sub. (2m). The department shall compute
10 the state aids on the basis of ~~75~~ 80 percent of these net costs and shall cause the aids
11 to be paid on or before April 1 of the year in which the statements are filed. If the
12 state aids payable to local governmental units exceed the moneys available for such
13 purpose, the department shall prorate the payments. No local governmental unit
14 may receive state aid amounting to more than 20 percent of the funds available.

SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.

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16 (1) ENFORCEMENT AIDS — BOATING ENFORCEMENT. In the schedule under s. 20.005
17 (3) for the appropriation to the department of natural resources under s. 20.370 (5)
18 (eq), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by \$545,000 to fund the
19 increase in the boating enforcement aids under s. 30.79 (5). In the schedule under
20 s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of natural resources under s.
21 20.370 (5) (eq), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$545,000
22 to fund the increase in the boating enforcement aids under s. 30.79 (5).

23 (END)