



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 602

January 7, 2014 – Introduced by Representative BIES, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN and TIFFANY. Referred to Committee on Environment and Forestry.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 281.363 of the statutes; **relating to:** an exemption from
2 wetland permitting and mitigation requirements for a discharge into a wetland
3 located in the city of Sturgeon Bay.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, a person may not discharge dredged or fill material into a wetland unless the discharge is authorized under an individual or general permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR may not authorize the discharge pursuant to a permit unless it determines that the discharge will comply with all applicable state water quality standards.

This bill creates an exemption for a wetland from the permitting requirement from the DNR water quality certification process and from the requirement to obtain certain approvals from DNR. To qualify for the exemption, the discharge may not fill an area of wetland that exceeds 7,700 square feet, the discharge must be for the purpose of constructing a single-family residence, and the site of the discharge must be at a certain location in the city of Sturgeon Bay.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 281.363 of the statutes is created to read:

