



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 408

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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Under **current law**, if the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues an order withdrawing land from the managed forest land (MFL) program, it must assess a withdrawal tax and a withdrawal fee unless certain exceptions apply.

Under **2009 Senate Bill 408**, the DNR may not assess these costs against an owner of MFL who transfers ownership of MFL to a county, city, village, or town for siting a public safety communications tower, if DNR orders the withdrawal on or after September 22, 2009.

Senate Amendment 1 would expand this exception to situations in which the MFL owner leases land to a county, city, village, or town for siting a public safety communications tower.

Senate Amendment 2 would limit this exception to the withdrawal of only 10 acres or less of MFL land.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was introduced by Senator Jauch on January 15, 2010. On February 16, 2010, the Joint Committee on Finance introduced Senate Amendment 2, recommended adoption of both Senate Amendments 1 and 2, and recommended passage of Senate Bill 408, as amended, all by votes of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0. On February 23, 2010, these two amendments were adopted by the Senate on voice votes and Senate Bill 408 was passed on a vote of Ayes, 32; Noes, 0.

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