



1995 SENATE BILL 554

February 14, 1996 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, DRZEWIECKI and BUETTNER, cosponsored by Representatives BRANCEL, SCHNEIDER, GARD, AINSWORTH, KELSO, MUSSER, SERATTI, DOBYNS, HASENOHRL, OLSEN, OTT, HANDRICK, VANDER LOOP, KLUSMAN, ALBERS, RYBA and HUTCHISON. Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy.

1 **AN ACT to create** 30.637 of the statutes; **relating to:** restricted areas above and
2 below hydroelectric dams and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, no person may be in or on a body of water or be present on the banks of a body water within 300 feet below a hydroelectric dam if the area is marked with warning signs, buoys and with an amber flashing light that is illuminated. The prohibition also applies to areas that are within 200 feet above a hydroelectric dam. The bill requires the department of natural resources to promulgate rules to establish standards for these signs, buoys and lights. The bill exempts the signs, buoys and lights from the permitting requirements under current law that regulate the placement of structures and buoys in navigable waters.

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.** 30.637 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **30.637 Restricted areas around hydroelectric dams. (1) PROHIBITION.**

5 No person may be in or on a body of water or be present in any of the following areas
6 on the banks of a body of water:

7 (a) Within 300 feet below a hydroelectric dam if the area is marked with
8 warning signs or buoys and with an amber flashing light that is illuminated.

