



1997 SENATE BILL 87

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 66.60 (16) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** the imposition of
2 special charges for environmental testing and remediation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a city, village or town (municipality) may impose special charges for current services rendered against the property that is served. The special charge may be for any portion of the cost of the service provided. Services for which a special charge may be imposed include snow and ice removal, weed elimination, repair of sidewalks or curb and gutter, and garbage and refuse disposal. These special charges may not be paid to the municipality in instalments. If the charges are not paid within the time specified by the municipality, the special charges become a lien against the property on which the the charges were levied and are automatically extended upon the current or next tax roll as a delinquent tax against the property.

This bill specifies that special charges may be imposed by a municipality for testing for environmental contamination and for remediation of environmental contamination.

For further information see the *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:

SENATE BILL 87**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 66.60 (16) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 66.60 **(16)** (a) In addition to all other methods provided by law, special charges
3 for current services rendered may be imposed by the governing body by allocating all
4 or part of the cost to the property served. Such may include, without limitation
5 because of enumeration, snow and ice removal, weed elimination, street sprinkling,
6 oiling and tarring, repair of sidewalks or curb and gutter, garbage and refuse
7 disposal, storm water management, including construction of storm water
8 management facilities, testing for environmental contamination, remediation of
9 environmental contamination and tree care. The provisions for notice of such charge
10 shall be optional with the governing body except that in the case of street tarring and
11 the repair of sidewalks, curb or gutters, a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, shall be
12 published at least 20 days before the hearing or proceeding and a copy of the notice
13 shall be mailed at least 10 days before the hearing or proceeding to every interested
14 person whose post-office address is known, or can be ascertained with reasonable
15 diligence. Such notice shall specify that on a certain date a hearing will be held by
16 the governing body as to whether the service in question shall be performed at the
17 cost of the property owner, at which hearing anyone interested will be heard.

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