



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 775

February 17, 2000 – Introduced by Representative BLACK, cosponsored by Senator SHIBILSKI. Referred to Committee on Environment.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 281.17 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** approvals for
2 high-capacity wells.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from constructing or operating one or more wells on one property that withdraw a total of more than 100,000 gallons of water a day (high-capacity well withdrawal) without the approval of the department of natural resources (DNR). If DNR finds that the proposed withdrawal will adversely affect the water supply of a public water utility, DNR must disapprove the withdrawal or condition its approval so that the water supply of the public water utility will not be impaired.

This bill provides that if DNR finds that a proposed high-capacity well withdrawal will adversely affect public rights in navigable waters, DNR must disapprove the withdrawal or condition its approval so that public rights in navigable waters will be protected.

For further information see the *state* 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.** 281.17 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

