



## 1999 SENATE BILL 444

March 7, 2000 - Introduced by Senators SHIBILSKI, COWLES, BRESKE, BAUMGART and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives JOHNSRUD, GRONEMUS, MEYERHOFER, GUNDERSON, GARD, OWENS and MUSSER. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 26.11 (7) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** the unencumbered  
2             balances in the appropriation accounts to which moneys for fighting forest fires  
3             are credited.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, moneys that the department of natural resources (DNR) receives from the federal government and from other states for forest fire fighting activities provided by DNR are credited to two appropriation accounts. The moneys in those accounts must be used for forest fire fighting activities. Current law provides that if the sum of the unencumbered balances in those accounts exceeds \$500,000 at the close of the fiscal year, the excess amounts lapse to the conservation fund. This bill increases the ceiling above which the amounts in those accounts are lapsed to the conservation fund to \$1,000,000.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 26.11 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             26.11 (7) (a) Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (c), if the sum of the unencumbered  
6             balances in the appropriation accounts under s. 20.370 (1) (cs) and (mz) exceeds

