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December 21, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives Friske, Mursau, Hubler, M. Williams, Gronemus, Montgomery, A. Ott, Hahn, Townsend and Musser, cosponsored by Senator Cowles. Referred to Committee on Forestry.

- 1 AN ACT to amend 26.39 (7) (a) of the statutes; relating to: grants for master
- 2 logger certification and for logger safety training.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Natural Resources to establish a scholarship grant program to assist individuals who are seeking certification by the Wisconsin Professional Loggers Association. A scholarship grant under the program may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of receiving the certification.

This bill expands the scope of the scholarship grant program so that an individual who is seeking logger safety training certified by the Wisconsin professional Loggers Association is also eligible for a grant.

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

Section 1. 26.39 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

26.39 (7) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (ax), the department shall establish a scholarship grant program to assist individuals who are seeking certification by the Wisconsin Professional Loggers Association as master loggers or who are seeking logger safety training certified by the Wisconsin Professional

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- 2 percent of the total cost of receiving the certification <u>or training</u>. The department
- 3 shall promulgate rules that establish criteria for the program.

4 (END)