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2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 782

February 8, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives KERKMAN, GUNDERSON and Vos, cosponsored by Senator WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

AN ACT to create 87.30 (1r) of the statutes; relating to: a floodplain zoning ordinance exemption for construction activities related to the veterans memorial building in the city of Burlington in Racine County.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides that if any county, city, or village does not adopt a reasonable and effective floodplain zoning ordinance within one year after certain hydraulic and engineering data becomes available, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must, upon the petition of an interested state agency or a municipality or upon its own motion determine and fix by order the limits of the floodplains within the county, city, or village within which serious damage may occur. Current law also prohibits any person from placing or maintaining any building within any floodplain in violation of a floodplain zoning ordinance.

This bill provides that no floodplain zoning ordinance enacted, or required to be enacted, by Racine County or by the city of Burlington and no floodplain zoning order or determination by DNR may prohibit the repair, reconstruction, or improvement of the veterans memorial building that is located in Echo Park in the city of Burlington or the construction of any additional building in Echo Park in the city of Burlington if the construction is for the purpose of adding to the functions of Echo Park or the veterans memorial building.

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

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Section 1. 87.30 (1r) of the statutes is created to read:

87.30 (1r) Exemption for the veterans memorial building in the city of Burlington. Notwithstanding the floodplain zoning requirements under sub. (1), no floodplain zoning ordinance enacted or required to be enacted under sub. (1) by Racine County or the city of Burlington, and no floodplain zoning order or determination by the department under sub. (1), may prohibit the repair, reconstruction, or improvement of the veterans memorial building that is located in Echo Park in the city of Burlington and that exists on the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts date], or the construction of any additional building in Echo Park in the city of Burlington if the construction is for the purpose of adding to the functions of the veterans memorial building that exists on the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts date].

13 (END)