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2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 562

November 10, 2009 - Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Forestry.

AN ACT to amend 26.39 (7) (a) and 38.04 (29) of the statutes; relating to: the master logger certification scholarship grant program (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).

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 as master loggers. A scholarship grant under the program may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of receiving the certification.

This bill specifies that scholarships under the grant program are for individuals seeking certification by the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association. This change reflects the new name of the organization that certifies master loggers.

For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

Law Revision Committee Prefatory Note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Natural Resources and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this

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bill makes nonsubstantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

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 Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association as master loggers. A scholarship grant under the program may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of receiving the certification. The department shall promulgate rules that establish criteria for the program.

Section 2. 38.04 (29) of the statutes is amended to read:

38.04 (29) Master logger apprenticeship grants. The board shall use the moneys appropriated under s. 20.292 (1) (km) to award grants to businesses that provide technical college students with forest product internships for the purpose of placing eligible apprentices with loggers who are certified by the Wisconsin Professional Loggers Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association as master loggers.

Note: Makes the same name change for the Technical College System master logger apprenticeship grants. While this change was not requested by the Department of Natural Resources because the department has no jurisdiction over the program, the Law Revision Committee determined that it is appropriate for efficiency to include the change in this draft rather than in a separate draft.

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