



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 774

February 24, 2010 - Introduced by Representatives ROTH, BIES, GUNDERSON, KAUFERT, KESTELL, KNODL, LEMAHIEU, MURTHA, PETERSEN, PETROWSKI, SPANBAUER, TAUCHEN, TOWNSEND and VOS, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN, OLSEN and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to create** 23.0917 (8) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting the
2 acquisition of land using stewardship funding if the acquisition results in
3 adjacent landowners being denied access to their land.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes the state to incur public debt for certain conservation activities under the stewardship program, which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources. The state may incur this debt to provide funding to acquire land for the state for conservation purposes and may also use the funding to award grants or state aid to certain local governmental units and nonprofit conservation organizations to acquire lands for conservation purposes (stewardship funding).

This bill prohibits the expenditure of stewardship funding if the expenditure is for an acquisition that will result in an adjacent landowner not having access to the landowner's land or that will result in the landowner having to pay for an easement access to the landowner land.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 23.0917 (8) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 23.0917 (8) (f) The department may not obligate moneys from the
2 appropriation under s. 20.866 (2) (ta) to be used for the acquisition of land if the
3 acquisition will result in an owner of land that is adjacent to the acquired land being
4 denied access to the owner's land or in the owner having to pay for an easement or
5 conveyance to gain access to the owner's land.

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(END)