



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 343

May 21, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, VANDERMEER, BALDEH, BILLINGS, CABRERA, CONLEY, DOYLE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, B. MEYERS, MILROY, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, OLDENBURG, POPE, ROZAR, SHELTON, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators TESTIN, CARPENTER, BEWLEY, LARSON, PFAFF, RINGHAND, ROYS, SMITH and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.370 (1) (fq), 20.370 (6) (dd) and 23.22 (2) (g) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** grants to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the
3 spread of wild parsnip; funding for the Bureau of Natural Heritage
4 Conservation; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources, under its statewide program to control invasive species, to award up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year in the 2021-23 fiscal biennium in grants to local governments or American Indian tribes or bands that have declared wild parsnip to be a noxious weed for projects on public or private land to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip. The bill allows a grant recipient to collaborate with a regional conservation organization on a project funded by the grant.

The bill appropriates \$50,000 in each fiscal year in the 2021-23 fiscal biennium to the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation.

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:

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SECTION 1

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

				2021-22	2022-23
3	20.370	Natural resources, department of			
4	(1)	FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS			
5	(fq)	Bureau of natural heritage con-			
6		servation	SEG A	50,000	50,000
7	(6)	ENVIRONMENTAL AIDS			
8	(dd)	Environmental aids — wild			
9		parsnip management grants	GPR C	100,000	100,000

10 **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (1) (fq) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.370 (1) (fq) *Bureau of natural heritage conservation.* The amounts in the
12 schedule for staff for the bureau of natural heritage conservation.

13 **SECTION 3.** 20.370 (6) (dd) of the statutes is created to read:

14 20.370 (6) (dd) *Environmental aids — wild parsnip management grants.* From
15 the general fund, as a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for
16 grants under s. 23.22 (2) (g).

17 **SECTION 4.** 23.22 (2) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

18 23.22 (2) (g) Under the program established under par. (a) and from the
19 appropriation under s. 20.370 (6) (dd), the department shall award up to \$100,000
20 in grants to counties, cities, villages, towns, or federally recognized American
21 Indians tribes or bands in each fiscal year for projects to map, control, eradicate,
22 monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip on public or private land. To be
23 eligible for a grant under this paragraph, an applicant must have, by ordinance or

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1 resolution, declared wild parsnip to be a noxious weed. A weed commissioner may
2 apply for a grant under this paragraph on behalf of a county, city, village, or town.
3 The recipient of a grant may collaborate with a regional conservation organization
4 on a project funded by the grant. The department may promulgate rules to
5 administer this grant program.

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(END)