



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## 2023 SENATE BILL 785

December 8, 2023 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, HESSELBEIN, PFAFF and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives BILLINGS, ANDRACA, BALDEH, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DOYLE, DRAKE, EMERSON, JOERS, MADISON, OHNSTAD, RATCLIFF, SHANKLAND and PALMERI. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 20.370 (9) (pq) and 23.199 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating  
2             a Mississippi River erosion control revolving loan program, extending the time  
3             limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency  
4             rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an  
5             appropriation.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to administer a revolving loan program to assist municipalities and owners of homes located on the shore of the Mississippi River where the structural integrity of municipal buildings or homes is threatened by erosion of the shoreline. The bill appropriates \$2,000,000 to DNR for this purpose and increases DNR's position authorization by 0.5 FTE position to administer the program. The bill requires DNR to promulgate rules to administer the program, including eligibility requirements and income limitations, and authorizes DNR to promulgate emergency rules for the period before permanent rules take effect.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SENATE BILL 785**

**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:

	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
3 <b>20.370 Natural resources, department of</b>		
4 (9) EXTERNAL SERVICES		
5 (pq) Mississippi River erosion control		
6 revolving loan program	SEG C 2,000,000	-0-

7           **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (9) (pq) of the statutes is created to read:  
8           20.370 (9) (pq) *Mississippi River erosion control revolving loan program.* As  
9 a continuing appropriation, from the environmental fund, the amounts in the  
10 schedule for the Mississippi River erosion control revolving loan program under s.  
11 23.199.

12           **SECTION 3.** 23.199 of the statutes is created to read:  
13           **23.199 Mississippi River erosion control revolving loan program. (1)**  
14 The department shall administer a revolving loan program to assist municipalities  
15 and owners of homes located on the shore of the Mississippi River where the  
16 structural integrity of municipal buildings or homes is threatened by erosion of the  
17 shoreline.

18           **(2)** The department shall make loans under this section from the appropriation  
19 account under s. 20.370 (9) (pq).

20           **(3)** The department shall promulgate rules to administer this section,  
21 including rules establishing eligibility criteria and income limitations for loans  
22 under this section.

23           **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

