



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1881/P2

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DOA:.....Potts, BB0509 - Lead service line replacement

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

Replacement of lead service lines

This bill creates a continuing appropriation from the general fund to the environmental improvement program for projects involving forgivable loans to private users of public water systems to replace lead service lines.

Under current law, DOA and DNR administer the safe drinking water loan program (SDWLP), which provides financial assistance from the environmental improvement program to local governmental units and to the private owners of community water systems that serve local governmental units for projects for the planning, designing, construction, or modification of public water systems. DNR establishes a funding list for SDWLP projects and DOA allocates funding for those projects.

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:

SECTION 1. 13.48 (26m) of the statutes is created to read:

13.48 **(26m)** LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT. The legislature finds and determines that the prevalence of lead service lines in connections to public water systems poses a public health hazard and that processes for reducing lead entering drinking water from such pipes requires additional treatment of wastewater. It is

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therefore in the public interest, and it is the public policy of this state, to assist private users of public water systems in replacing lead service lines.

SECTION 2. 20.320 (2) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

20.320 (2) (a) *Lead service line replacement.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for lead service line replacement loans under s. 281.61 (8) (b).

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 3. 281.61 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

281.61 (8) (b) The department of administration shall allocate the amount appropriated under s. 20.320 (2) (a) to projects involving forgivable loans to private users of public water systems to replace lead service lines.

(END)