



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1929/P1

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DOA:.....Richter, BB0527 - Stormwater safety

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

Storm water pond safety

Under current law, DNR issues water pollutant discharge elimination system permits and storm water discharge permits and promulgates rules for the administration of both permits. This bill requires that DNR promulgate rules establishing that any pond located in an area with a population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile that is constructed as part of an activity for which these permits are required must include one or more of the following safety features: 1) a shallow ledge around the periphery of the pond; 2) vegetation that is at least 24 inches high between the pond and any easy point of access; or 3) any other alternative safety feature authorized by DNR by rule.

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

SECTION 1. 283.33 (8m) of the statutes is created to read:

283.33 (8m) RULES FOR STORM WATER POND SAFETY. The department shall promulgate rules under sub. (8) establishing that any pond located in an area with a population density of not less than 1,000 people per square mile that is constructed as part of an activity for which a permit is required under sub. (1) or s. 283.31 must include one or more of the following features for safety:

(a) A shallow ledge around the periphery of the pond.

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(b) Vegetation that is not less than 24 inches high between the pond and any easy point of access.

(c) Any other alternative safety feature authorized by the department by rule.

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