

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.143 (3) (de); and *to create* 145.20 (6) and 145.245 (11) (f) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** local assistance for an inventory of private sewage systems
3 and a recordkeeping system for private sewage systems.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared
for the joint legislative council's special committee on septage disposal.

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.143 (3) (de) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 20.143 (3) (de) As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for financial
6 assistance under the private sewage system replacement and rehabilitation program and for
7 local assistance for inventories and recordkeeping under s. 145.245.

NOTE: The appropriation for the Wisconsin fund grant program is
modified to allow the department of commerce to fund a local assistance
program for inventorying existing private sewage systems and
establishing maintenance recordkeeping. The local assistance program is
created in s. 145.20 (6) (a), as created by this bill draft.

8 **SECTION 2.** 145.20 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

9 145.20 (6) (a) The department shall develop a local assistance program to provide
10 support for each governmental unit that undertakes an inventory of private sewage systems
11 within the jurisdiction of the governmental unit. The local assistance program may support
12 research by a governmental unit that is necessary to locate existing private sewage systems,
13 conversion of existing inventories to be compatible with geographic information systems,
14 improvement of data management in governmental units that have completed inventories, and
15 development of mailing lists to contact owners of private sewage systems and other similar
16 projects related to the inventory.

1 (b) The department shall develop a local assistance program for each governmental unit
2 to develop systems to manage the local records related to the location, design, management
3 plan, inspection, maintenance, and servicing of private sewage systems, disposal of septage,
4 sites approved for the land application of septage, and other information associated with
5 private sewage systems and septage regulation and management. The department shall set
6 priorities for the development of the recordkeeping system, which shall encourage compatible
7 state and local records, compatible state and local information technology systems, consistent
8 use of geographical information systems and expeditious implementation of the
9 recordkeeping system in all governmental units.

10 (c) The department may make cost-sharing grants to governmental units of up to 70%
11 of the cost of a project under pars. (a) and (b), and may accept either a cash or in-kind
12 contribution from the governmental unit. The local assistance program under pars. (a) and (b)
13 may fund the acquisition of equipment for managing the inventory and for recordkeeping and
14 development of the inventory and recordkeeping systems, but not the operation of those
15 systems.

NOTE: This provision creates a local assistance program, administered by the department of commerce, to provide assistance to counties (and to cities and villages in Milwaukee county) to develop inventories of existing private sewage systems, and to develop recordkeeping systems for information regarding private sewage systems. Funding for the local assistance is from the Wisconsin fund grant program, in s. 145.245 (11) (f), as created by this bill draft.

16 **SECTION 3.** 145.245 (11) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

17 145.245 (11) (f) The department may allocate up to 10% of the funds available under
18 this subsection each fiscal year for local assistance for inventories and recordkeeping under
19 s. 145.20 (6).

NOTE: This provision allows the department of commerce to allocate up to 10% of the funding available each fiscal year under the Wisconsin fund grant program for repair and replacement of private sewage systems for the inventory and recordkeeping programs under s. 145.20 (6), as created by this bill draft.

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