

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal and recreate* 77.82 (4g) of the statutes; **relating to:** designation of
2 additional managed forest land.

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 the Managed Forest Land Program.

Under the managed forest land (MFL) program, an owner of land designated as managed forest land under an order that takes effect on or after April 28, 2004, may apply to the department of natural resources (DNR) to designate an additional parcel of land as managed forest land if the additional parcel is at least 3 acres and is contiguous to any of the owner’s designated land. The application must include a nonrefundable \$20 application recording fee unless a different amount is established by the DNR by rule at an amount equal to the average expense to the DNR of recording a managed forest land order. The fee must be deposited in the conservation fund. An application must be submitted on a DNR form and must contain any additional information required by DNR. [s. 77.82 (4), stats.]

If an owner of land that is designated as managed forest land under an order that takes effect before April 28, 2004, wishes to have designated as managed forest land an additional parcel of land that is at least 3 acres in size, that does not satisfy the MFL program eligibility requirements, but is contiguous to any of the owner’s designated land, the owner may withdraw the designated land from the original order and may file an application with the DNR for a new order covering both the withdrawn land and the additional land. The withdrawal tax and the withdrawal fee do not apply under these circumstances. [s. 77.82 (4g), stats.] However, the filing of the new order has the effect of applying the current requirements of the MFL program, including taxes, rates, and fees, to both the additional parcel and the designated land from the original order.

This draft would repeal current law as it applies to owners of land designated as managed forest land under orders that take effect before April 28, 2004. Instead, under the draft, the land owner would be able to designate an additional parcel of land as managed forest land in,

