

1       **AN ACT** *to repeal and recreate* 77.83 (2) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** leasing of  
 2           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 current law, for land designated as managed forest land under an order that takes effect on or after October 27, 2007, no person may enter into a lease or other agreement for consideration if the purpose of the lease or agreement is to permit persons to engage in a recreational activity. Any lease or other agreement for consideration that permits persons to engage in a recreational activity was voided effective January 1, 2008.

The managed forest law defines recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, hiking, sight-seeing, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, and staying in cabins.

This draft repeals the prohibition on leasing of managed forest land and, instead, permits the leasing of managed forest land, including leases and other agreements for consideration that permit persons to engage in a recreational activity.

3           **SECTION 1.** 77.83 (2) (am) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

4           77.83 (2) (am) Each owner of managed forest land may enter into a lease or other  
 5           agreement for consideration, including a lease or agreement that permits persons to engage  
 6           in a recreational activity.

7           **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

8           (1) This act first applies to land designated as managed forest land under an order that  
 9           is in effect on the effective date of this subsection.

**NOTE:** This SECTION clarifies that the draft would apply to lands currently enrolled in the managed forest law program as well as lands enrolled under orders that take effect after the draft would take effect.

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