



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

1     **AN ACT to amend** 44.02 (5m) and 44.02 (5s) of the statutes; **relating to:** duties  
2             of the State Historical Society (suggested as remedial legislation by the State  
3             Historical Society).

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill makes changes related to the duties of the State Historical Society.

Under current law, with exceptions, SHS may charge state residents a fee and must charge nonresidents a fee for admission to its historic sites or buildings, special events, and special exhibits. Under one exception, SHS may not “charge a fee for admission to the museum until construction of the museum is completed.” Fees collected from admissions must be used to support public programming. Current law also imposes on SHS “responsibility for security at the museum.”

This bill specifies that SHS may not charge a fee for admission to the Wisconsin Historical Museum located at 30 N. Carroll Street in Madison until construction of a new museum is completed. The bill also allows fees collected from admissions to be used to support operations of the new museum, in addition to supporting public programming. The bill further clarifies that the Wisconsin Historical Museum located at 30 N. Carroll Street in Madison is the museum for which SHS is responsible for security.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the State Historical Society and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1           **SECTION 1.** 44.02 (5m) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           44.02 (5m) Not charge a fee for admission to the ~~museum~~ Wisconsin Historical  
3 Museum located at 30 N. Carroll Street in Madison until construction of the a new  
4 museum is completed. Fees collected from admissions shall be used to support public  
5 programming and operations of the new museum.

6           **SECTION 2.** 44.02 (5s) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           44.02 (5s) Except as provided in s. 16.84 (2), have responsibility for security at  
8 the ~~museum~~ Wisconsin Historical Museum located at 30 N. Carroll Street in  
9 Madison.

NOTE: SECTIONS 1 and 2 clarify whether various references in current law to “the museum” mean the existing museum located at 30 N. Carroll Street in Madison or a new museum yet to be constructed. SECTION 1 also specifies that admission fees collected at the new museum may be used to support its operations in addition to its public programming.

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