



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 395

November 23, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives A. OTT, ZIEGELBAUER, ENDSLEY, LEMAHIEU, LITJENS, SPANBAUER and THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senators COWLES and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to create** 23.0917 (3) (c) 7. of the statutes; **relating to:** acquisition of land
2 in the Niagara Escarpment corridor.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes the state to incur public debt for certain conservation activities under the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson stewardship 2000 program, which is administered by the Department of Natural Resources. The state may incur this debt to acquire land for the state for conservation activities and may award grants to certain nonprofit conservation organizations to acquire lands for these activities.

Under current law, priority is given to certain types of land acquisitions. These include acquisitions along the shores of the Great Lakes, land for habitat and natural areas, and land in the middle Kettle Moraine. This bill adds land located in the Niagara Escarpment corridor to these priorities. The Niagara Escarpment is a geologic feature that runs through various counties in the eastern part of the state.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 23.0917 (3) (c) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

