



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 779

December 9, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives MCGUIRE, ANDRACA, OHNSTAD, ANDERSON, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONLEY, EMERSON, HEBL, HONG, KERKMAN, B. MEYERS, MILROY, NEUBAUER, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators WIRCH, SMITH, LARSON and CARPENTER. Referred to Committee on Environment.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **AN ACT to create** 20.370 (9) (pq) and 23.199 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating  
2             a Great Lakes erosion control revolving loan program, providing an exemption  
3             from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making  
4             an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to administer a revolving loan program to assist municipalities and owners of homes located on the shore of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior where the structural integrity of municipal buildings or homes is threatened by erosion of the shoreline. The bill appropriates \$5,000,000 to DNR for this purpose and increases DNR's position authorization by 0.5 FTE to administer the program. The bill requires DNR to promulgate rules to administer the program, including eligibility requirements and income limitations, and authorizes DNR to promulgate emergency rules for the period before permanent rules take effect.

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

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

**ASSEMBLY BILL 779**

**SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

		<b>2021-22</b>		<b>2022-23</b>
<b>20.370 Natural resources, department of</b>				
(9)	EXTERNAL SERVICES			
(pq)	Great Lakes erosion control			
	revolving loan program	SEG	C	5,000,000
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7           **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (9) (pq) of the statutes is created to read:  
8           20.370 (9) (pq) *Great Lakes erosion control revolving loan program.* As a  
9 continuing appropriation, from the environmental fund, the amounts in the schedule  
10 for the Great Lakes erosion control revolving loan program under s. 23.199.

11           **SECTION 3.** 23.199 of the statutes is created to read:

12           **23.199 Great Lakes erosion control revolving loan program.** (1) The  
13 department shall administer a revolving loan program to assist municipalities and  
14 owners of homes located on the shore of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior where the  
15 structural integrity of municipal buildings or homes is threatened by erosion of the  
16 shoreline.

17           (2) The department shall make loans under this section from the appropriation  
18 account under s. 20.370 (9) (pq).

19           (3) The department shall promulgate rules to administer this section,  
20 including rules establishing eligibility criteria and income limitations for loans  
21 under this section.

22           **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

