

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 21

January 16, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives ALBERS, SCHNEIDER, FREESE, TURNER, LADWIG, GRONEMUS, OWENS and WADE, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE, SCHULTZ and GEORGE. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 1.10 (title) and 1.10 (4); and **to create** 1.10 (1m) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** designating “Oh Wisconsin, Land of My Dreams” as the Wisconsin
3 state ballad.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, “On Wisconsin” is the Wisconsin state song, and the Wisconsin Blue Book is required to include that information. This bill designates “Oh Wisconsin, Land of My Dreams” as the Wisconsin state ballad and requires the Wisconsin Blue Book to include that information.

For further information see the *state* 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 1.10 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 **1.10** (title) **State song, state ballad, state dance, and state symbols.**
6 **SECTION 2.** 1.10 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
7 **1.10 (1m)** The Wisconsin state ballad is “Oh Wisconsin, Land of My Dreams,”
8 music written by Shari A. Sarazin and lyrics written by Erma Barrett, the words to

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1 which are as follows: “Oh Wisconsin, land of beauty, with your hillsides and your
2 plains, with your jackpine and your birch tree, and your oak of mighty frame. Land
3 of rivers, lakes and valleys, land of warmth and winter snows, land of birds and
4 beasts and humanity, oh Wisconsin, I love you so. Oh Wisconsin, land of my dreams.
5 Oh Wisconsin, you’re all I’ll ever need. A little heaven here on earth could you be?
6 Oh Wisconsin, land of my dreams. In the summer, golden grain fields; in the winter,
7 drift of white snow; in the springtime, robins singing; in the autumn, flaming colors
8 show. Oh I wonder who could wander, or who could want to drift for long, away from
9 all your beauty, all your sunshine, all your sweet song? Oh Wisconsin, land of my
10 dreams. Oh Wisconsin, you’re all I’ll ever need. A little heaven here on earth could
11 you be? Oh Wisconsin, land of my dreams. And when it’s time, let my spirit run free
12 in Wisconsin, land of my dreams.”.

13 **SECTION 3.** 1.10 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 1.10 (4) The Wisconsin Blue Book shall include the information contained in
15 this section concerning the state song, ballad, dance, beverage, tree, grain, flower,
16 bird, fish, animal, domestic animal, wildlife animal, dog, insect, fossil, mineral, rock,
17 and soil.

18 (END)