

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 191

March 25, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives BLACK, MILLER, POCAN, J. LEHMAN, BERCEAU and GIELOW, cosponsored by Senators ROBSON, CARPENTER and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 281.17 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** requirements for
2 approving high-capacity wells.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from constructing or operating one or more wells on one property that withdraw a total of more than 100,000 gallons of water a day (high-capacity well) without the approval of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR must disapprove the application for a high-capacity well or condition its approval to ensure that the water supply of any public water utility will not be impaired.

This bill requires DNR to disapprove the application for a high-capacity well or condition its approval to ensure that the waters of the state will be protected. Waters of the state consist of surface waters and groundwater.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 281.17 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:
4 281.17 (1) (b) 3. That the waters of the state will be protected.
5 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

