



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 822

January 29, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives KITCHENS, BALLWEG, HORLACHER, KRUG, NERISON, NOVAK and A. OTT, cosponsored by Senator COWLES. Referred to Committee on Environment and Forestry.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 281.75 (4m) (a), 281.75 (7) (a) and 281.75 (7) (b) of the statutes;  
2 **relating to:** income limits and award limits for contaminated well grants.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill increases the limits on family income and grant awards under this state's well compensation grant program.

Under current law, an individual owner or renter of a contaminated private well may apply for a grant from the Department of Natural Resources to cover a portion of the costs to treat the water, reconstruct the well, construct a new well, connect to a public water supply, or fill and seal (abandon) the well. To be eligible for a grant the well owner or renter's annual family income may not exceed \$65,000. A grant awarded under the program may not exceed 75 percent of a project's eligible costs and may not cover any part of a project's eligible costs that exceeds \$12,000, which means that a grant may not exceed \$9,000. In addition, if the well owner or renter's annual family income exceeds \$45,000, the amount of the award is reduced by 30 percent of the amount by which the annual family income exceeds \$45,000.

This bill increases the family income limit to \$90,000 and increases the grant award limit to 75 percent of \$16,000, which means that a grant under the bill may not exceed \$12,000. The bill also increases the amount of annual family income that triggers a reduction of an award to \$65,000.

