



2015 SENATE BILL 541

January 8, 2016 - Introduced by Senator PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Representative SPIROS. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 86.03 (3); and *to create* 86.03 (3) (b) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** planting trees, shrubs, or hedges on the side of certain highways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who owns land that adjoins a highway may, with the approval of the public authority maintaining the highway, plant, cultivate, and maintain trees, shrubs, or hedges on the side of the highway contiguous to and within ten feet of that person's land. Under this bill, if the person who owns the land that adjoins a highway is a town, the town may, with the approval of the public authority maintaining the highway, authorize another person to plant trees, shrubs, or hedges on the land.

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.** 86.03 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 86.03 (3) (a).
4 **SECTION 2.** 86.03 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
5 86.03 (3) (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), if the person who owns or occupies the
6 land that adjoins a highway is a town, the town may, with the approval of the public

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1 authority that maintains the highway, authorize another person to plant trees,
2 shrubs, or hedges on the land. If the public authority maintaining the highway is
3 a county, the town may request approval under this paragraph from the county on
4 behalf of the person to be authorized.

5 (END)