



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE BILL 311

May 24, 2023 - Introduced by Senators BALLWEG, FEYEN, MARKLEIN, SPREITZER and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives KURTZ, SCHUTT, ARMSTRONG, BEHNKE, EDMING, GREEN, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, MURSAU, OLDENBURG, PLUMER, SCHMIDT, SUMMERFIELD, TITTL and SHANKLAND. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 93.23 (1) (a) 1. (intro.) and 93.23 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** state aid for prizes awarded at local fairs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection provides state aid to counties, agricultural societies, associations, and boards that hold local fairs to cover the cost of prizes paid out to exhibitors, up to \$10,000 per fair. This bill increases that maximum to \$20,000 per fair.

Current law also provides that an entity operating a fair may impose restrictions on the total number of fairs at which an exhibitor may participate in order to be eligible, at that fair, for a prize that is paid for with state aid. This bill keeps this provision, but provides that DATCP may not impose such restrictions.

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.** 93.23 (1) (a) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 93.23 (1) (a) 1. (intro.) To each county, and any organized agricultural society,
5 association, or board in the state that complies with the requirements of this section,

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1 95 percent of the first \$8,000 paid in net premiums and 70 percent of all net
2 premiums paid in excess of \$8,000 at its annual fair upon livestock, articles of
3 production, educational exhibits, agricultural implements and tools, domestic
4 manufactures, mechanical implements, and productions, but not more than \$10,000
5 \$20,000 per fair, subject to equitable prorating if the total amount due exceeds the
6 amount available and to all of the following:

7 **SECTION 2.** 93.23 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 93.23 (1) (a) 2. In order to have a more equitable distribution of state aid among
9 fairs and to effect wider participation and interest by the public in exhibits, the
10 department may prescribe uniform premium lists setting forth classes of exhibits
11 which will be approved for the purposes of state aid, premium awards in such classes
12 and entry qualifications, fees and charges for exhibitors. All fairs shall receive aid
13 in the same manner and the department may not restrict the number of fairs at
14 which an exhibitor may participate and be eligible to receive state-aided premium
15 awards, except that an entity operating a fair may impose restrictions on the total
16 number of fairs at which an exhibitor may participate in order to be eligible for
17 premium awards for exhibits at that fair.

18 (END)