

1989 Senate Bill 344

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1989 Wisconsin Act 353 (Vetoed in Part)

AN ACT to create 20.285 (1) (cr), 36.25 (29), 36.25 (31) and (32) and 97.235 of the statutes, relating to directing the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system to establish an agricultural technology and family farm institute, biotechnology education, animal health and efficacy, administering supplemental bovine somatotropin to cows, a study of supplemental somatotropin and making appropriations.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1a. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>
20.285 University of Wisconsin system		
(1) UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE		
(cr) Supplemental bovine somatotropin study	GPR C	230,000

SECTION 1b. 20.285 (1) (cr) of the statutes is created to read:

20.285 (1) (cr) *Supplemental bovine somatotropin study.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for research under s. 36.25 (32) on the efficacy of, and effects on animal health of, using supplemental bovine somatotropin in commercial milk production.

SECTION 1e. 36.25 (29) of the statutes is created to read:

36.25 (29) AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND FAMILY FARM INSTITUTE. The board shall establish an agricultural technology and family farm institute in the college of agriculture and life sciences at the university of Wisconsin-Madison to do all of the following:

(a) Evaluate the effects of new technology, state and federal policies and other factors on family farm agriculture.

(b) Recommend policies to take advantage of new technologies and mitigate their disadvantages.

(c) Assist farmers in meeting the challenges of new technology.

(d) Ensure that farmers have access to new technology.

SECTION 1f. 36.25 (31) and (32) of the statutes are created to read:

36.25 (31) BIOTECHNOLOGY EDUCATION; CONSUMERS. The board shall establish extension programs to educate consumers about biotechnology processes and products and risk assessment techniques.

(32) ANIMAL HEALTH AND EFFICACY. (a) The board shall conduct research on the efficacy of, and the effects on animal health of, using supplemental bovine somatotropin in commercial milk production. Section 97.235 does not apply to such research or to any person participating in such research.

(b) Research under this section shall include herds and production techniques representative of this state's dairy industry and the effect on animal health of varying level of production.

(d) Participants in research under this subsection shall agree to allow their herds, and individual animals thereof, to be used for demonstrations and practical training in the administration of supplemental bovine somatotropin and the management of dairy cows administered supplemental bovine somatotropin.

(e) The board shall establish one or more panels comprised of practicing dairy farmers. These panels shall advise the board in the design and oversight of research conducted under this subsection.

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(f) All aspects of research under this subsection shall be open to public inspection.

(g) The board shall initially report the results of research under this subsection on March 1, 1991, and annually thereafter, to the governor and to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3).

SECTION 1g. 97.235 of the statutes is created to read:

97.235 Supplemental bovine somatotropin research.

Except as provided in s. 36.25 (32), no person may administer supplemental bovine somatotropin to cows or conduct any scientific research that involves the administration of supplemental bovine somatotropin to cows. This section does not apply after the first day beginning after the day on which the federal food and drug administration has approved supplemental bovine somatotropin for use in commercial milk production.

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SECTION 1k. Nonstatutory provisions, supplemental bovine somatotropin studies. (1) HUMAN AND PUB-

LIC HEALTH. (a) The university of Wisconsin system shall conduct research on the effects on human health and public health of consuming milk, dairy products or meat produced from cows that have been administered supplemental bovine somatotropin. Research activity under this subsection shall begin no later than June 1, 1990.

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(b) The university of Wisconsin system may contract with independent experts to conduct all or part of the research directed under this SECTION.

(c) The university of Wisconsin system shall report the findings under this subsection no later than March 1, 1991, to the governor and to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes.

(3) SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS. (a) The university of Wisconsin system, in cooperation with the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection and the department of development, shall conduct research on the possible social and economic effects of the adoption of supplemental bovine somatotropin in commercial milk production. Research activity under this subsection shall begin no later than June 1, 1990.

(b) Research under this subsection shall:

1. Identify the possible direct and indirect economic impacts of the adoption of supplemental bovine somatotropin in commercial milk production.

2. Project potential economic dislocations, if any, among farmers and affected rural communities.

3. Develop recommendations for actions that individuals, rural communities and this state may take to alleviate adverse consequences, if any, arising from the adoption of supplemental bovine somatotropin in commercial milk production.

(c) The university of Wisconsin system shall report the findings under this subsection no later than March 1, 1991, to the governor and to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes.

(3) LABELING. The department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection shall study the advantages and disadvantages of a system of voluntary labeling of milk produced without the use of supplemental bovine somatotropin and of dairy products produced from such milk, including the advisability of adopting a system of certification of milk producers. The department shall report its conclusions and recommendations no later than March 1, 1991, to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes.

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SECTION 2. Appropriation changes; university of Wisconsin system.

(1) GENERAL STUDY OF SUPPLEMENTAL BOVINE SOMATOTROPIN. The dollar amount in the schedule under section 20.805 (3) of the statutes for

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~~the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system under section 20.285 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1989, is increased by \$150,000 for fiscal year 1990-91 to study supplemental bovine somatotropin.~~

(2) AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND FAMILY FARM INSTITUTE. The dollar amount in the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system under section 20.285 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1989, is increased by \$380,000 for fiscal year 1990-91 to fund the agricultural technology and family farm institute and to increase the authorized FTE positions for the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system by 5.5 GPR positions for the institute.

(4) BIOTECHNOLOGY EDUCATION. The dollar amounts in the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the board of

regents of the university of Wisconsin system under section 20.285 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1989, are increased by \$120,000 for fiscal year 1990-91 to fund the programs under section 36.25 (31) of the statutes, as created by this act, and to increase the authorized FTE positions for the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system by 2.0 GPR positions for this activity.

SECTION 3. Appropriation changes; agriculture, trade and consumer protection. (1) LABELING STUDY. The dollar amounts in the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection under section 20.115 (8) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1989, are increased by \$30,000 for fiscal year 1990-91 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 0.5 GPR position to conduct a milk and dairy product labeling study.