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AN ACT to repeal 56.02; and to amend 46.054 (1) (b) and 56.06 of the statutes, relating to bed capacity at the Green Bay correctional institution and operating a binder twine plant at the Waupun correctional institution (suggested as remedial legislation by the department of health and social services).

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the department of health and social services, and introduced by the law revision committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4 of the statutes. After careful consideration of the various provisions of this bill, the law revision committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

SECTION 1. 46.054 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.054 (1) (b) The Green Bay correctional institution shall not exceed a ~~723-bed~~ 648-bed capacity.

NOTE: Bed capacities were established for all adult male medium and maximum security institutions by chapter 20, laws of 1981. The Green Bay correctional institution's capacity was set at 723, which included an expansion of 75 beds in modular housing. The governor vetoed the modular housing beds for security reasons but the bed capacity in the statute does not reflect the decrease of 75 beds. This bill changes the prison population of the Green Bay correctional institution to reflect the current bed capacity of that institution.

SECTION 2. 56.02 of the statutes, as affected by 1983 Wisconsin Act 27, is repealed.

SECTION 3. 56.06 of the statutes is amended to read:

56.06 Prison products; sale. No goods, ~~excepting~~ except farm machinery, farm implements and tools, cordage rope and ply goods, ~~and binder twine~~, manufactured wholly or ~~in part~~ partly by inmates in any state, city or county penal institution ~~shall~~ may be offered for sale in the open market.

NOTE: This bill repeals specific statutory authority for the department of health and social services, with the approval of the prison industries board, to maintain and operate a binder twine plant at the Waupun correctional institution. The department has not operated a binder twine plant at Waupun for a number of years and the department has no plans to resume such operations. In the future, the department, with the approval of the board, could maintain and operate a binder twine plant under the general authority in s. 56.01 of the statutes to establish industries for the employment of inmates.