



2011 SENATE BILL 498

February 21, 2012 - Introduced by Senator SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives NERISON, A. OTT, TRANEL and SPANBAUER. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Higher Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 94.02 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** the pest abatement
2 authority of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law grants the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) authority concerning the abatement of pests on agricultural lands and agricultural business premises. Under this authority, if DATCP determines that plants or other materials that are so infested with pests that they constitute a hazard to plant or animal life, it may order the owner of the lands or premises on which the plant or other materials are located to have the plants or other materials treated or removed and destroyed.

This bill expands DATCP's pest abatement authority so that it is not limited to agricultural lands and agricultural business premises.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 94.02 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

