



2013 SENATE BILL 108

March 27, 2013 – Introduced by Senators MOULTON, COWLES, GROTHMAN, HARSDORF, OLSEN and PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives A. OTT, VRUWINK, NERISON, BERCEAU, BERNIER, BEWLEY, BIES, ENDSLEY, KLEEFISCH, LOUDENBECK, MURPHY, MURTHA, RIPP, SPIROS and STRACHOTA. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Small Business, and Tourism.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 91.64 (2) (g); and *to amend* 91.64 (1) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** applications for farmland preservation agreements.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) administers the Farmland Preservation Program, which contains some of the requirements that a farmer must meet to qualify for the farmland preservation tax credit. Under current law, one of those requirements is that the farmland must either be in a farmland preservation zoning district under a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance or be covered by a farmland preservation agreement executed by DATCP.

The law requires a person applying for a farmland preservation agreement to submit a signed agreement from each person who holds a mortgage, lien, or easement on the land that would be covered by the agreement subordinating the person's interest to the farmland preservation agreement. This bill eliminates the requirement to submit signed subordination agreements. Under the bill, the application for a farmland preservation agreement must be signed by each person who holds a mortgage, lien, or easement on the land that would be covered by the agreement.

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

