



1997 SENATE BILL 500

March 12, 1998 - Introduced by Senators CLAUSING and BURKE, cosponsored by Representative BLACK. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

1 **AN ACT to create** 281.165 of the statutes; **relating to:** limiting the establishment
2 or expansion of certain livestock operations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the department of natural resources (DNR) to promulgate rules containing performance standards and prohibitions designed to limit water pollution from agricultural facilities and agricultural practices that are nonpoint (diffuse) sources of water pollution. The law also requires the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection (DATCP) to promulgate rules containing conservation practices to implement the performance standards and prohibitions established by DNR. This bill prohibits the establishment of new livestock operations with 750 or more animal units and the expansion of existing livestock operations so that they have 750 or more animal units until DNR and DATCP have promulgated these rules. An animal unit is a measure developed by DNR. A beef cow weighing 1,000 pounds or more is one animal unit. Each kind of farm animal is assigned a value relative to a beef cow. A livestock operation is a feedlot or other facility where animals are fed or maintained.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 281.165 of the statutes is created to read:

