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1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 439

June 24, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives RUTKOWSKI, BOYLE, MUSSER, OTTE, BOCK, RYBA, LAZICH, GREEN, HASENOHRL, NOTESTEIN, OTT, PLALE, POWERS, SYKORA, DOBYNS, GOETSCH and PLOUFF, cosponsored by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, ROESSLER and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Consumer Affairs.

AN ACT ***to create*** 97.03 (1) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** tampering with expiration dates on foods.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may sell a food item if it is misbranded. A food item is misbranded if its labeling or packaging contains misleading or inaccurate information such an inaccurate statement as to quantity or quality. Under this bill, a food item is misbranded if its expiration date has been tampered with, obscured or altered with the intent to mislead another person.

For further information see the ***state*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 97.03 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

97.03 **(1)** (am) If its container, package or label has an expiration date that has been tampered with, altered or obscured with the intent to mislead another person.

(END)